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## GUNBOATS BOMBED.

### AN EXCITING AIR RAID OFF SHAMEEN.

### CONCESSION AND FOREIGN SHIPS ENDANGERED.

### CANTON CITY TO FALL?

Canton witnessed its first experience of an air raid yesterday, and there has been considerable excitement, particularly in Shameen, which had a full view of the latter part of the engagement. A graphic story of the somewhat spectacular affair is told below by our Canton correspondent.

A squadron of planes suddenly swooped down upon the "neutral" gunboats anchored off the Macao Fort, and bombed them heavily, though the aim was very inaccurate. The gunboats replied with rifle-fire, eventually deciding to take refuge, and steaming close to Shameen where they sought the protection of the foreign gunboats, amongst which they anchored.

The planes pursued the vessels, dropping bombs at frequent intervals. One dropped on a sampan without exploding, and another missed H.M.S. Moth narrowly.

Stray bullets whistled through Shameen without doing damage. The gunboats were asked by foreign officials to retire, but late yesterday afternoon, they had declined to budge from their comparatively safe anchorage.

The fall of Canton to the Kwangsi armies is hourly expected. Fighting is taking place on the Samshui Railway, only a few miles from Canton, while General Hau King-tong's forces are moving rapidly from the East River, and the rattle of rifle-fire between Sheldung and Tungshan, Canton, can be heard in Shameen.

It is stated that many Canton leaders are ready to turn over to Kwangsi, and that Admiral Chan Chak, who is loyal to Nanking, has been arrested.

### KWANGSI ARMIES' RAPID ADANCE.

Shameen, May 9.

The residents of Shameen have been passing an exciting day, and have witnessed a miniature naval war conducted in true Chinese style, in many ways reminiscent of the incidents which led up to the Cantonese-Yunnanese war of 1925.

Foreign residents at Pak Ho Tung passed an uncomfortable night. The Cantonese soldiers were around their houses all night, in their gardens and on their verandah, watching the fleet which is stationed off Macao Fort and which recently declared its neutrality. The troops were evidently expecting them to turn over to Kwangsi and possibly to shell Canton.

In the early hours of this morning a Chinese merchant vessel arrived in port from Shameen. She appears to be full of troops, but, up to the time of writing, they have not gone ashore. They are possibly troops sent down by Nanking.

About 9.30 a.m. some aeroplanes appeared and dropped bombs on the fleet off Macao Fort. The gunboats immediately raised anchor and steamed up the Back Reach towards Shameen, being bombed as they came up.

Bombs Fall Near Shameen.

The gunboats appear to have been returning the fire with rifles and a few stray bullets came into Shameen.

A bomb also dropped in the water just off Shameen striking a sampan and killing one of the occupants, but did not explode.

Another bomb fell in close proximity to H.M.S. Moth.

Several bombs also fell very close to Jardine's Wharf at Pak Ho Tung. One in particular, which missed its mark by about a hundred feet, fell within twenty feet of the wharf and sent up a column of water above the funnels of a ship.

Anchored Off Shameen.

When the gunboats arrived off Shameen they dropped anchor, apparently seeking the protection afforded by the foreign gunboats, evidently expecting that the aeroplanes would be scared to drop bombs so close to the foreign warships which they might easily hit by mistake.

At present about eight Chinese gunboats, including the cruiser Wing Fung, are lying just off Shameen, with a French, American

and two British gunboats on the one side, and an American gunboat and two Japanese destroyers on the other.

What the next move will be it is impossible to say—whether the fleet will maintain its neutrality or openly declare for Kwangsi.

Another Version.

Another correspondent writes to say that the "naval battle" occurred off the Macao forts at about 11 a.m.

It appears that the Chinese gunboats, numbering seven or eight, were attacked by Canton aeroplanes, the disaffected ships refusing to surrender.

Evidently before the attack from the air was completed, all the gunboats excepting one, which is now flying a white flag, steamed up river to a point opposite Shameen, between which and Pong Tau, they anchored.

Consular Intervention.

The presence of the gunboats so near Shameen caused some concern on the Concessions, with the result that representatives of the foreign gunboats anchored off Shameen, together with Consular representatives, went on board the Chinese warships and requested that the commanders move them further away from the Concessions, in the interests of the safety of the city.

However, the request was not complied with, and at 4.30 p.m. yesterday the Chinese gunboats were still anchored off Shameen.

Rumour of Entry.

A rumour was in circulation yesterday that the Kwangsi troops had entered the suburbs of Canton, with the result that many shops closed their doors, whilst the schools closed down in a hurry for the observance of "Humiliation Day," which this year has been postponed from May 7th to May 9th.

Early yesterday morning, heavy gunfire could be heard in the distance to the south and south-east of Canton.

Our Canton correspondent states that it is very difficult to get reliable news of the Kwangsi advance, although in some quarters it is expected that Canton will fall some time to-day (Friday).

It is stated that not one of the old Government officials remains in Canton. This may be an

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## THE BRITISH OPEN GOLF TITLE.

### AMERICAN CONQUEST INDICATED?

### ABE MITCHELL THE BRIGHT BRITISH SPOT.

### ALLISS DROPS BACK.

London, May 9.

The American challenge in the British Open Golf Championship at Muirfield, to-day took on a more formidable countenance, and at the half-way stage, Abe Mitchell, who again played brilliantly, and Percy Alliss, covered by his 69 yesterday, were alone in a strong fighting position.

Of the leading eight, only Mitchell and Alliss are Britishers. The leader is Leo Diegel, who followed up his 71 yesterday with a splendid 69, equalling Alliss's course record of yesterday.

Hagen's Wonderful Round.

The outstanding performance of the day, however, and probably of any previous open championship was that of Walter Hagen, the holder, who returned a magnificent card, knocking two strokes off the record.

Hagen's card read:

Out: 4 4 3 3 4 3 5 4—33

Home: 4 4 3 3 4 3 5 4—34

His remarkable "come-back" which carried him into second place, was effected by sheer concentration. He deliberated over every stroke and went from hole to hole almost faultlessly. His only mistake on the outward journey was a slightly pushed out drive at the eighth. He was trapped, and the hole cost him five strokes. After the turn he played with uncanny accuracy, and never looked like breaking down. He did the fourteenth in two under par, and his only bad shot was a chip from behind the bunker at the 17th, which cost him his second 5. He was a little lucky at the 18th.

Mitchell Fighting.

Mitchell proved himself the best of the British players by another splendid round. He returned a card of 72 which gave him third place, two strokes behind Hagen and four behind Diegel.

The best British score to-day was that of Willis Mackenzie, the Morton Hall amateur, who achieved a splendid 71. Of the other amateurs, who are left to fight to-morrow, Tolley secured an aggregate of 150, Perkins with an excellent 73, aggregated 152, and Twine was just behind with 153.

The leader has been playing superlative golf. His four rounds, including the qualifying competition have been 74-70-71-69-284.

Bad Cards.

H. C. Jolly, E. D. Dudley (U.S.) and Jim Barnes (U.S.) all of whom were in the first seven yesterday, could do nothing right to-day, all returning cards of 80. Sixty-four players are left to fight the last stages, including seventeen Americans, one Argentinian, and one South African, the remainder being British.

The leading scores at the end of the second round were:

Leo Diegel (U.S.A.)	71	69	140
W. Hagen (U.S.A.)	72	72	144
Abe Mitchell (Private)	72	72	144
P. Alliss (Wannsee)	69	74	143
R. Cruikshank (U.S.A.)	72	74	146
J. Farrell (U.S.A.)	72	74	146
G. H. Brown (U.S.A.)	72	74	146
Golden (U.S.A.)	72	74	146
A. Boomer (St. Cloud)	72	74	146
W. McIlhenny (U.S.A.)	72	74	146
T. Aronson (U.S.A.)	72	74	146
Mark Seymour (U.S.A.)	72	74	146
Compton (Compton Hill)	72	74	146
M. Hingston (Bourneville)	72	74	146
Cyril Tolley (Liverpool)	72	74	146
Joe Jordan (Aberdeen)	72	74	146
Macdonald (U.S.A.)	72	74	146
F. Taggart (Winnipeg)	72	74	146
W. Mackenzie (Morton Hall)	71	74	145
T. Williamson (Stoke)	72	73	145
J. Farnie (U.S.A.)	72	73	145
Jim Barnes (U.S.A.)	71	74	145
J. J. Taylor (Richmond)	72	73	145
H. C. Jolly (Foggoe)	72	73	145
R. Whitcombe (Parkstone)	72	73	145
Gordon Smith (U.S.A.)	72	73	145
T. H. Cotton (Langley Park)	72	73	145
J. Turnham (U.S.A.)	72	73	145
S. L. Ezpinoza (U.S.A.)	72	73	145
E. D. Dudley (U.S.A.)	72	73	145
T. P. Perkins (Castle Brom)	72	73	145
A. Watrous (U.S.A.)	72	73	145

Among the remaining thirty-two players who have also qualified for the concluding thirty-six holes are:

W. T. Twiss (Bromley)	74	70	144
C. A. Whitcombe (Creswell Hill)	74	70	144
C. A. Watell	74	70	144
P. Robinson (Coedon Beach)	74	70	144
A. G. Havers (unattached)	74	70	144

## COURT MARTIAL VERDICT.

### FOUND GUILTY ON TWO OF SIXTEEN CHARGES.

### THE SENTENCE LATER.

The District Court Martial this afternoon gave their findings in connexion with the 16 charges of embezzlement against Corporal Charles Hendry, of the R.O.S.B.

Addressing the accused, who was marched into the room wearing his War and Victory Medals, the Judge Advocate, Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, said:—The Court finds you not guilty in charges 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16. There remain charges 1 and 3.

Captain Perfect, of the R.O.S.B., then gave evidence as to the character of the accused and stated that once in the last twelve months he had been charged with drunkenness, but there was no previous conviction.

The first charge against the accused was that while acting as clerk to the P.R.I. on or about October 27, accused received a cheque for \$30.57 drawn by the P.R.I. and payable to the N.A.A.R.I. for the purpose of paying a debt which he stated had been incurred for cleaning materials.

The third charge was that Corporal Hendry on October 23 received a cheque of \$115.88 drawn by the Officer Commanding Machine Gun Company payable to the P.R.I., and that he failed to pass the cheque into the proper hands and used the money for his own purposes.

Major Todd stated that the sentence of the Court in regard to charges 1 and 3 will be announced later, and the Court again sat in private.

## PARLIAMENT ENDS ITS LABOURS.

### DISSOLUTION TAKES PLACE TO-DAY.

London, May 9.

Parliament concluded its actual labours to-day with the completion of the necessary financial measures.

To-morrow it will be formally dissolved and members will proceed to their constituencies to fight the election campaign.

The General Election takes place on May 30, and it is expected that the new Parliament will be summoned for June 5, when the Speaker will be elected and members sworn in.

There will be another brief vacation before actual business begins. Then it will depend upon the result of the General Election whether the present Government will remain in office for a further five years.—British Wireless.

## CHOLERA OUTBREAK IN CALCUTTA.

### NEW CASES AVERAGE NINETY DAILY.

Calcutta, May 9.

An outbreak of cholera in Calcutta has assumed alarming proportions, the epidemic having spread through all the districts of the city with terrible rapidity.

The number of new cases average ninety daily, and the hospitals are overcrowded.

The victims are almost entirely Indians, but the Europeans generally are being inoculated as a precautionary measure.—Reuter.

G. Duncan (unattached) 78 78 156  
E. Ray (Osney) 80 78 158  
G. Van Elm (U.S.A.) 78 78 156

Among those eliminated by reason of the ruling that all players more than 17 strokes behind the leaders shall be automatically eliminated at the end of the first 36 holes are the following prominent players:—Massey, Bert Hodson (Newport), A. Herd (Mole Park), and Harry Vardon.—Reuter.

## BRITAIN WILL NOT BE THE GOAT

### GOVERNMENT STATES THE POSITION.

### MR. YOUNG'S PLAN WOULD BE INACCEPTABLE.

### THE HOUSE PLEASED.

Paris, May 9.

Hopes of saving the Reparations Conference are gradually fading, and it is feared that an agreement will prove impossible.

It is learned on excellent authority that several conflicting counter-proposals to the compromise plan suggested by the chairman are likely to be made to Mr. Owen D. Young but none of these proposals is likely to be generally acceptable.

Nevertheless, there is a chance that some real benefit will accrue from the meeting of the Committee of Experts. It is feasible that the Committee's Report, agreeing upon the amount of the German annuities and providing the safeguards demanded by Dr. Schacht, the head of the German delegation, will be unanimously adopted.

Rider Possible.

Britain, Japan, the United States and Italy, would probably favour a rider leaving over the question of the distribution of the annuities for discussions between the Allied Governments.

The attitude of the French and Belgian delegates with regard to this point is uncertain.—Reuter.

London, May 9.  
Warm cheers from all sides of the House greeted a declaration by Mr. Winston Churchill in the House of Commons to-day condemning, more or less, the proposals of Mr. Owen D. Young that Britain shall become the financial victim of a reparations agreement.

Mr. Churchill said that the announced terms of the reparations "settlement" foreshadowed yesterday in the Press would, in the opinion of the Government, be unacceptable.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer was answering questions by Colonel J. Grelton (Cons.) and Colonel J. C. Wedgwood (Lab.) who asked whether any statement could be made about the negotiations for settling payments by Germany under the Treaty of Versailles, and whether the terms of reference to the Committee of Experts covered alterations in the Spa percentages.

Inacceptable to Britain.

Mr. Churchill said the Committee of Experts now sitting in Paris was composed of independent representatives of the countries concerned.

The British members throughout these protracted proceedings had been impressed by their very admirable grasp and comprehension of the whole position.

The British Government had not, however, at any time, sent telegraphic instructions to these gentlemen, nor did they propose to do so on this occasion. The Expert Committee must be left to reach their own conclusions.

These conclusions, whatever they might be, and whether agreed to or not, in no way committed the British Government which remained entirely free to review the whole position upon the work and the recommendations of the Experts Committee.

Therefore, no urgency existed, and it would be premature, as well as inexpedient, for the British Government to pronounce upon particular aspects, however important they might be, at the present juncture.

Would Not Be Entertained.

In order, however, to prevent misunderstanding abroad and alarm at home, it was perhaps desirable to say that the kind of proposals which were forehadowed in the newspapers of yesterday would, in the opinion of the British Government, be unacceptable, and the British Government would, in no circumstances, entertain them (Cheers).—British Wireless.

Washington, May 9.  
Referring to reparations at the daily conference with Press correspondent, Mr. H. L. Stimson, the Secretary of State, said that the Experts meeting in Paris had not asked the American Government for concessions in the amounts due to the United States in order to facilitate an agreement.—Reuter's American Service.

## NO TRICK THEORIES.

### DR. SHELLSHEAR LACKS HYPOTHESIS.

### CROSS-EXAMINATION OF EXERT IN HANDWRITING.

### BANK CASE FEATURES.

The keen cross-examination of Professor Shellshear by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., continued throughout this morning's hearing of the claim by the Government against the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, arising out of the Treasury frauds.

At one stage Professor Shellshear stated that Tsang On-wing might have attempted to disguise his handwriting, and thus written letters in a manner differing from his usual method, but this suggestion was withdrawn when Mr. Potter pointed out that the witness had not said this at the criminal trial of Carvalho Yeo.

Dealing with trick theories, Mr. Potter asked Professor Shellshear if he could suggest any rational trick hypothesis which would produce a combination of three notable points present on the disputed cheques, and not on other Government cheques. Witness said that the question of a trick must be speculative, because writing is to some extent dependent on posture, the height of the table etc.

### "FEATURES" & "CHARACTERISTICS."

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., leading counsel for the Government continued his cross-examination of Professor Shellshear when the Court resumed this morning.

Mr. Potter—Are we to gather from your evidence here and in the other case that you consider writing points entirely divorced from the surrounding circumstances of the case?—I should like it a little clearer.

Supposing a man could prove an alibi and could say that he could not sign a certain document, that would be a surrounding circumstance?—I take no notice of them.

You would not suggest that nothing should be considered except your evidence?—No.

You would feel that all the surrounding circumstances have to be considered?—I feel that way.

The Old Point.

It comes down to the same old point of the writing expert being almost infallible. You do not suggest that any tribunal should put out of its mind the surrounding circumstances of the case?—Certainly not.

Will you agree with me that a writer always making a certain signature will form certain habits?—Yes.

As to the formation of the signature and the position of the signature?—Yes.

I put it to you that Mr. Black has formed the very definite habit of placing his signature further to the right than what appears on the suspected cheques. From August to December, I put it to you, that not one cheque is comparable?—That is true.

The position you took up in the former trial was that you defined characteristics in this way: That if you found anything once in the writing you called it a characteristic. I never agreed with that, but it was your evidence. It always struck me as a remarkable statement and I challenged you very severely on the point. Would you like me to read the evidence?—I remember the point.

Meant "Feature."

That statement was wrong?—In the term "characteristic," yes. I meant "feature" when I said "characteristic."

In answer to further questions upon the point, witness said he had a recollection of correcting the statement. Asked what he called a characteristic, witness replied that it was a distinguishing feature.

Mr. Potter—Would I be right in saying that before you came into this case you went through 10,000 cheques?—Yes.

And you have examined them for some reason or other?—Yes.

You see the three disputed cheques and you notice, do you not, that the position of the "P" in Black is mathematically and precisely in the same spot in each

case?—Yes, it is in the same place. The downstroke of the "P" is to the right of a vertical line in each case?—Yes.

And there is at the end of the cross stroke of the "P" a downward line, called rather loosely a tick?—Yes, it is a definite stroke. These three points appear in the suspected cheques?—Yes.

None Found.

I put it to you that out of the whole 18,000 cheques signed by Mr. Messer and Mr. Black, there is not a single cheque to be found containing those three points except these three?—They are not found in combination.

Out of the ten thousand you have examined?—I would not say that.

Have you found any?—No.

You know that is a point we have made a lot of all through?—Yes.

Certain trick theories were put to our witnesses by the defence. One, you can hardly call it a trick, was that Mr. Messer some time signed cheques in blank. The second possibility was that the cheques were handed to Mr. Black and Mr. Messer covered up, and the third was that they might only have been partly filled in and that later Tsang On-wing fraudulently filled them in for larger amounts. I asked you, as an expert witness who comes before us and as a neurologist, by the way what is a neurologist?—It is the science of the study of the nervous system.

I ask you if the cheques were put to Mr. Messer and Mr. Black and their signatures obtained by any one of these three tricks would you expect their ordinary normal signatures?—Yes.

Question of Trick.

There is no reason why a trick should cause a departure from a man's confirmed habits for instance?—Yes, it may.

In what way?—I am not suggesting the signatures were done any of these ways. I have no evidence. But the possibility may exist of the word "cashier" not being in the same alignment and the signatures might follow the writing above.

You did not say that in the other Court. You said you could not give any suggestion of a trick?—I don't suggest there is evidence of a trick having been made.

Why do you introduce a further trick?—I have not. I was dealing with one of the suggested tricks.

Would a trick induce a variation of habits definitely formed?—No.

But if the "P"s were signed in the same way that would not affect the "T" to the slope of the vertical?—No.

Can you tell the jury of any trick which, by any possibility, (Continued on Page 8.)



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## THE K.O.S.B. COURT MARTIAL.

UTTER CHAOS OF THE P.R.I. OFFICE.

### CLOSE OF HEARING.

The District Court Martial, which for several days has been enquiring into the alleged embezzlement of P. R. I. funds by Corporal Charles Hendry, the clerk to the President of the Regimental Institute, concluded its hearing yesterday afternoon, after hearing Mr. D. L. Strellett plead for the accused.

Major Todd, the President of the Court, announced that the decision of the Court will be announced in due course through the usual channels.

In his speech for the defence Mr. Strellett referred to the "black tin box" in which Corporal Hendry kept his books, cheques, etc., and also cash. The cheques which he kept were those which had accumulated until he had a sufficient number to pay into the bank. Every possible indication showed that the accused was not doing any wrong. As a matter of fact, he was never asked about them. Some of them were kept back, according to the evidence, for as long as ten days. Not only that, but sometimes cheques covered four or five items. Where is the information to come from regarding those items? Who else was there in the office? There was not a trace of anything whatsoever.

In addition to that, said Mr. Strellett, there was a further complication. He saw no reason why cheques should not be handed over to the P.R.I. straight away.

#### Practice of the Office.

Then they had to consider the practice of the P.R.I. office. Was that the practice? If so, what was the value of the evidence which they had heard of the totals which the Companies had paid in? How could they possibly arrive at a figure which it was said this man had received?

The Judge Advocate: But he is not charged with that.

Mr. Strellett: I say that however much he did on one side or the other we are entirely in the dark if that was the method employed by the P.R.I.

Mr. Strellett continued that the prosecution could not show and would not prove definitely that the P.R.I. had been defrauded of one single cent. Some of the entries were right, and some were hopelessly wrong. Major Ogilvie had admitted in his evidence that over \$100 a month was expended and that there were no entries. The cross-examination of Mr. Strellett had shown that numerous payments were made which were never recorded.

#### Routine Carelessness.

One of the chief jobs of the accused, continued Mr. Strellett, was to keep the officers' mess books. It had never been explained in evidence what those books were! If there were any defalcations it was purely routine carelessness. Further, said Mr. Strellett, take the payments made to the cinema operator. It was stated in evidence that \$220 had been paid for 11 months, and only \$160 was entered in the books. Where was the difference? In the black box?

Judge Advocate: Wasn't there some difference of opinion as to whether they got less than that?

Mr. Strellett: \$160 was entered by you.

Judge Advocate: Yes, but it was stated that the amount had only latterly been increased to \$20 per month.

Mr. Strellett: I am going on my memory, but Private Barnes stated that the payments were \$15 and \$5 per month—\$20. I will ask my clerk to check up the shorthand note. The point is that the exact payments were not entered. Not because there was any intention to defraud anyone.

Quite the opposite! \$220 was paid out and only \$160 recorded in the books. Ah. Here is the actual note: "For 11 months \$220 would be paid to you?—Yes."

Judge Advocate: I did not put that down, for you had previously mentioned 12 months at \$20 and then 11 months at \$20.

#### Consistent With Untidiness.

Mr. Strellett: That may be so, but it proves that this man was putting wrong entries in the book. But who was he defrauding? It is all consistent with the untidiness which has grown and which has festered in the office of the P.R.I. It is simply due to carelessness. It only required the indifference of the superior to let it grow into what it was.

There are even unrecorded payments which even Major Ogilvie knows must have been made. About 101 people must have made applications for a host of trivial sums which were granted, and they must have amounted to a considerable sum. But they are not entered in the books. There is no doubt that cheques were paid for—but that does not show that Major Ogilvie is wrong. It shows that there must have been many more such accounts unrecorded.

As a matter of fact, said Mr. Strellett, it would be interesting to know what Major Ogilvie was drawing on when he said he had no idea of what was going on and what was an excessive or a reasonable sum. I suppose he was telling us what he thought was really right.

#### Question of Intent.

Now in regard to cash payments. Major Ogilvie, you will remember could not remember a single cash payment which he had made in the office of the P.R.I. It would perhaps be difficult for some folks to remember cash payments, but not so in the case of the P.R.I. whose office is continually making cash payments. It is a revelation that he does not remember a single cash payment being made. It is a revelation.

Then take the by-product book. It forms the subject of a number of charges. The swill contractors had to pay a certain sum of money. What did they pay? No one but the contractors and the P.R.I. know anything about it. Corporal Hendry is charged with making entries with intent to defraud. It seems hopeless to ask you what intent he had to defraud. Say he had taken a cheque for \$80 and converted it to his own use. Would he have put that wrong right by paying in a cheque for \$20 more than the account was for?

Was there any deliberate intention to defraud in that? Not at all. Petty errors and slight neglect began to grow in the office of the P.R.I. Corporal Hendry paid more than anyone expected to find. Was that intent to defraud? As for ready cash Corporal Hendry—according to the evidence—could have got it at any time he wanted. The charge of attempting to defraud was limited to the P.R.I. There was no comment by the auditor of the accounts.

#### Lost the String.

A lot of evidence had been given regarding grand totals. The Judge Advocate: The question of grand totals is utterly erroneous and I shall explain so to the Court.

Mr. Strellett: That is why I made it my business to cross-examine the Indian contractors. They are so elusive. The Regimental barber put the receipt for February into his pocket, and all the rest he filed on a string—and he lost the string.

The question is: Where did Corporal Hendry's duties end? Rushing round to all who owed money to the P.R.I. and other things. What is the suggestion that all these months went by and the contractors state that they paid the money to Corporal Hendry?

Emphatically the accused cannot be guilty of embezzlement. Do you say that there was any guilty intention to deprive owners of their cheques? On the contrary, Corporal Hendry deliberately took all cheques to the owner. The law is not such an ass as it is made out to be and

it takes cognizance of these subtle differences.

I will ask you to say that these charges are not proved. Did he do it with the intention of deliberately defrauding? If the prosecution had been fair they would have put in an alternative charge under King's Regulations 922: "Where funds etc." at which refers to Section 47. If the charges had been brought under that section there is not the slightest doubt that the accused would not have had any charges to answer.

#### Not a Common Jury.

The Judge Advocate: The charge sheet has to be settled by the Officer Commanding the Court. It is too late to make any suggestions. Had you raised the points before they would have been referred back to the Commanding Officer.

Mr. Strellett: I hope it will not prejudice the accused?

The Judge Advocate: The Court is quite impartial. You have to consider that this Court is not a common jury and is quite capable of making a note of this.

Mr. Strellett continued that the accounts were open to inspection every day and were scrutinized every month. All cheques were submitted to the P.R.I.

As to whether Corporal Hendry had misappropriated a single cent, Mr. Strellett would say that there was not a vestige of evidence. The system employed was one to lead to gross inaccuracy. The prosecution was not in possession of such facts as to say "we are sure that the whole or most of the money has been used by that man for his own purposes."

Who is going to say "Oh! We will cut out three charges?" Who is going to say "Well, we will find him guilty on one charge or not?"

The Judge Advocate: This is not a common jury, and you can take it that the Court are not angry with you. We are listening intently to your plea.

Mr. Strellett: Unless you can say he has had all the money, who is to say what he has had or not had? Even if this man is not able to account for all the money, he should be given a nominal punishment. Not a verdict that will put an end to his military career.

The Judge Advocate: If the man is guilty the punishment is nothing to do with me. It is out of my province entirely.

Mr. Strellett: I would say that this man be not deprived of his service and estate and that there be no circumstances which reflect unfavourably. I hope that you will take as your chief consideration the utter confusion which has existed in the P.R.I. office.

#### Points of Law.

This concluded the hearing and the Judge Advocate reviewed the evidence and advised the Court regarding certain points of law involved. He said:

It is not for the accused to prove himself innocent. It is the duty of the prosecution to prove that he is guilty. Unless you are satisfied that the prosecution have proved these charges you cannot find the accused guilty. There has been a vast amount of confusion, no doubt. Under charge 12 there is one cheque which was cashed and not used for the purpose for which it was intended. Only one man can tell you what the explanation is. He has given no explanation. Do you believe the witnesses?

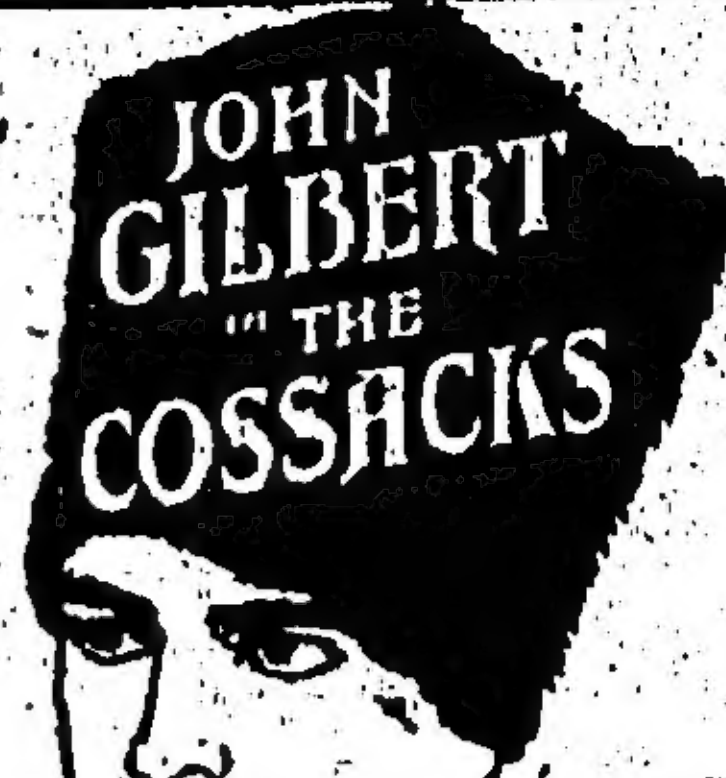
On charges 3 to 9 the question arises whether the accused is amenable to jurisdiction. If he is not you will have to acquit him. You have evidence that he is a soldier and was concerned with regimental monies. It has been said that no one but an officer can handle regimental monies. That is a matter which you will have to carefully consider and decide.

The Judge Advocate referred to the cheque which had been cashed by Mr. Gerald Young, the manager of the Central Stores of the N.A.A.F.I. for \$115. To cash that cheque, said the Judge Advocate, Mr. Young had to get special permission, and he paid the money to the accused, the principle in the N.A.A.F.I. being that no cheque over \$100 could be cashed without special permission. There was no evidence as to what

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happened to the money. Instead of paying in the money did the accused steal it? "You have to be sure without any reasonable doubt."

"On two other charges," said the Judge Advocate, "You are bound to return a verdict of Not Guilty because they contravene the articles of the section under which the accused was charged."

Concluding the Judge Advocate said: "The accounts have been kept slovenly and the supervision was none too good. But you have to be satisfied that the prosecution has established beyond all reasonable doubt the guilt of the accused. I cannot impress that on you too much."

Judgment will be promulgated in due course.

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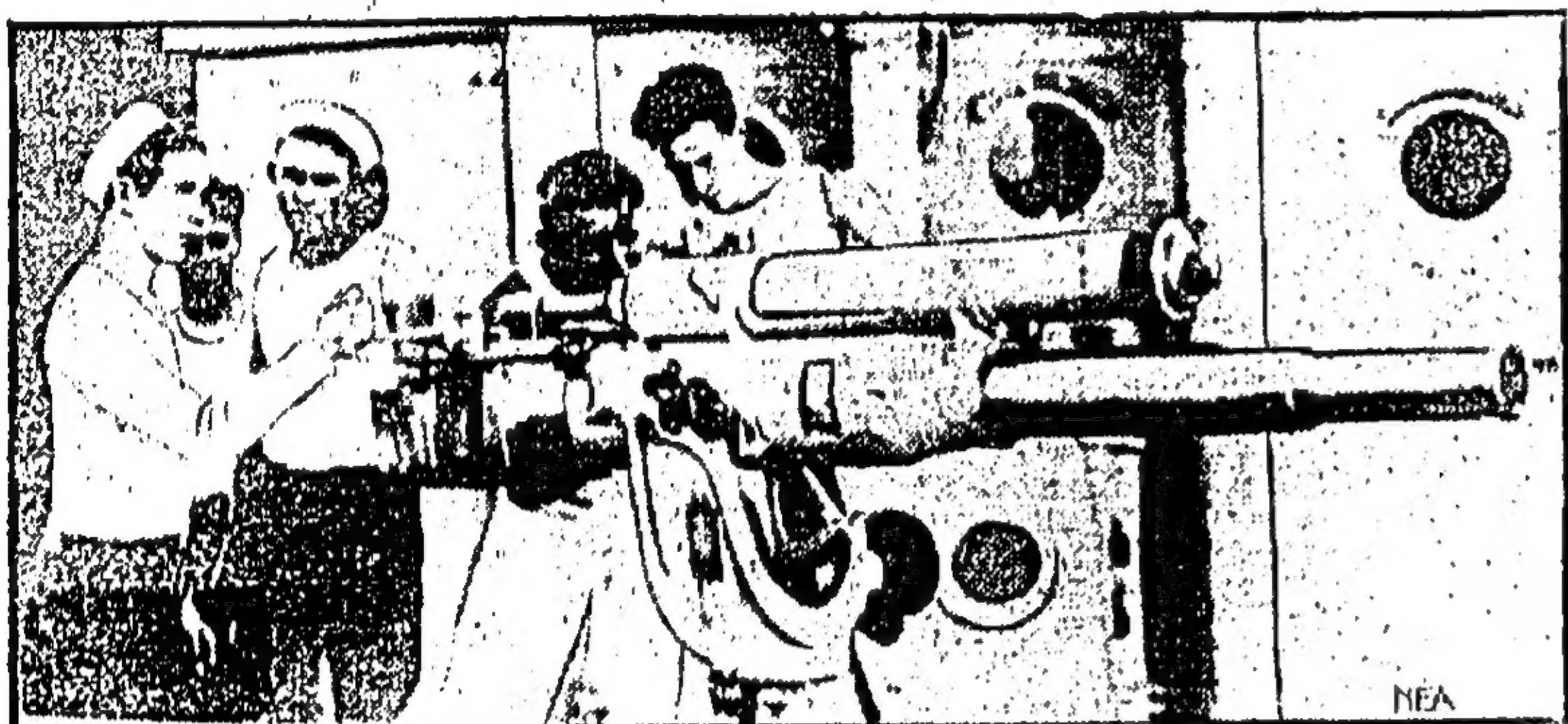




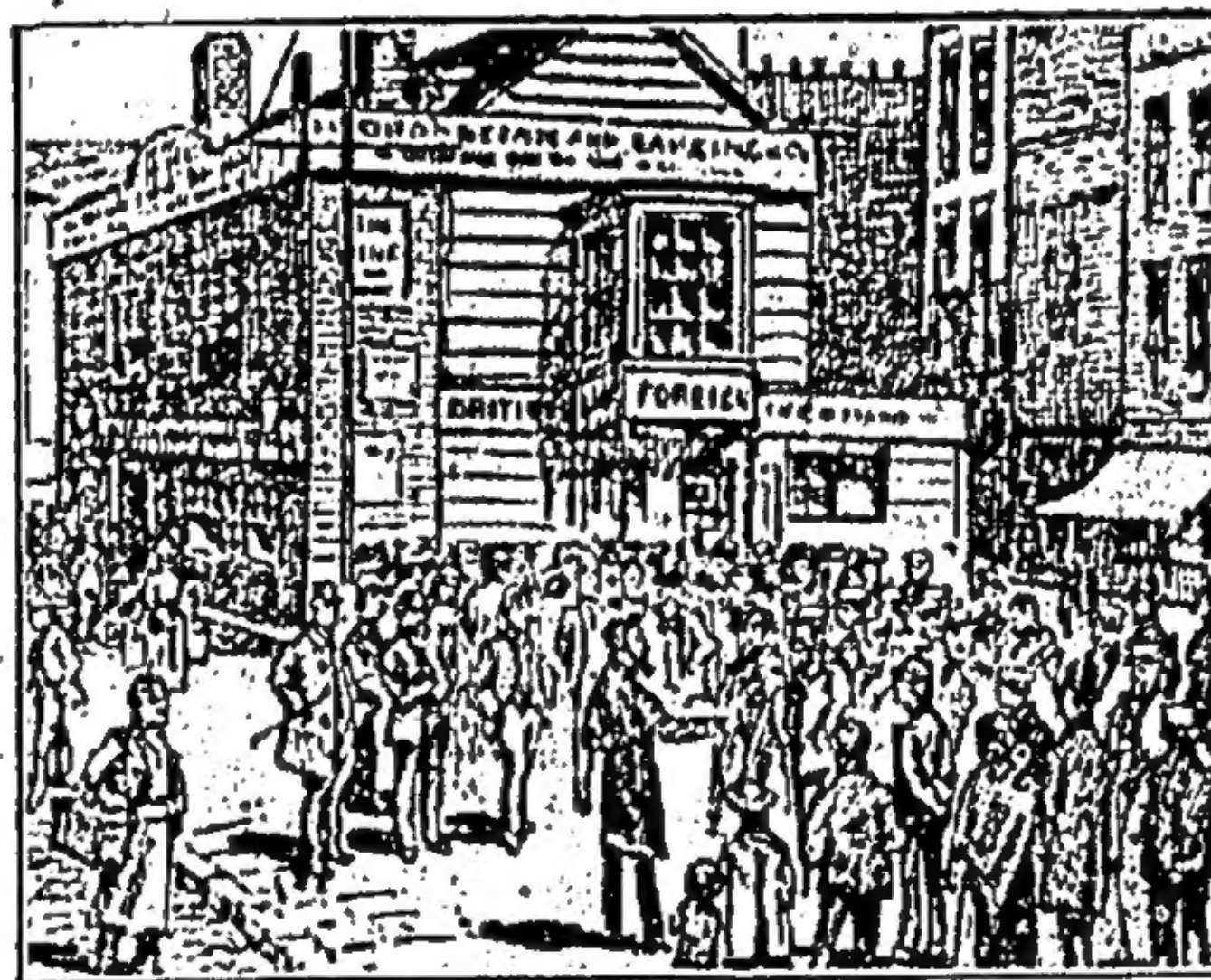
The sinking of the Canadian schooner "I'm Alone" in the Gulf of Mexico, with the loss of one life, by the U. S. coastguard cutter "Dexter" has brought a demand for a full inquiry from Canada. The Ottawa Government has sent a Note of protest, and asking for reparation. The above picture shows members of the crew behind the bars in New Orleans. Left to right: Capt. Randall, I. J. Williams, Edward Young, Edward Fouchard, Peter Jason, William Wordsworth, Chester Hobbs, and James Barrett. They were later freed. At the left is seen a picture of Captain Randall. He was a British naval officer during the war.



Mr. Vincent Massey, the Canadian Minister in Washington.



The above picture shows the gun crew which was responsible for the sinking of the "I'm Alone." It was taken on board the U. S. coastguard cutter "Dexter" soon after her arrival in New Orleans. It is admitted that the Canadian schooner was run-running, but it is claimed that she was outside the twelve-mile limit when ordered to heave to. It is understood that the United States and Canada have agreed to submit the case to arbitration.



The William Booth Centenary attracted much attention in England, partly as the result of the recent trouble in the Salvation Army. Top picture shows the old general addressing a meeting, and bottom shows the Mild End Road, where William Booth commenced his great work. (Times copyright).



Another instance of American prohibition "frightfulness." Our picture shows the family of Mr. Joseph DeKing. Their house was raided by prohibition agents, Mr. DeKing was knocked unconscious, and Mrs. DeKing was shot through the stomach and killed. The boy retaliated by shooting one of the raiders through the leg.

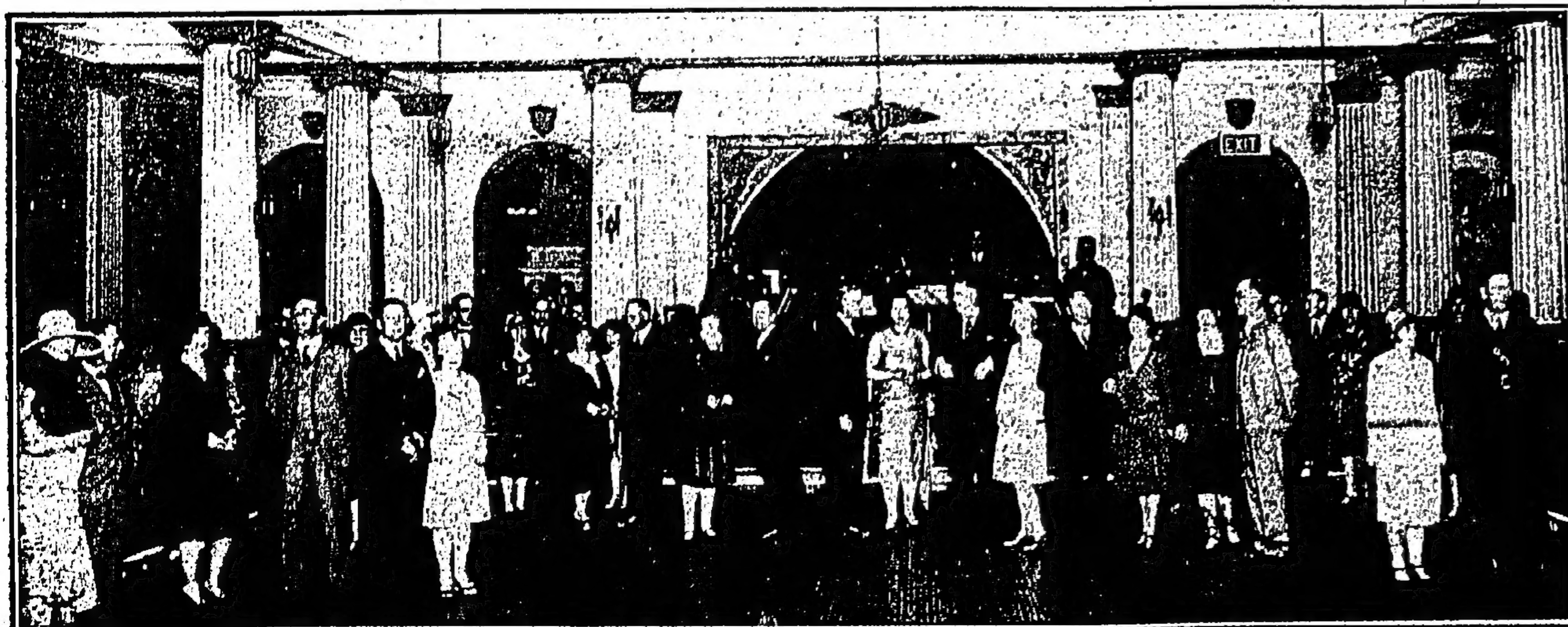


Photo taken at an attractive function given by the Shanghai American Women's Club, an "At Home" tea dance in their new quarters in Bubbling Well Road. To this, the formal opening of their new home, the members invited their husbands and men friends. Guests of honour were Admiral and Mrs. Bristol, Col. and Mrs. V. Lyman and members of their staffs and their wives.

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Hongkong, 30th April, 1929.

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The Share Register and 'Transfer Books will be closed from the 9th to the 23rd May, 1929, both days inclusive.

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### REACH BOMBAY ON THE WAY TO JAVA.

Bombay, May 9.

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## SHARE PRICES.

### TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

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Chartered Bank, \$19 b.  
Mercantile A. & B., \$33 n.  
P. and O. \$24 n.  
East Asia \$304 n.

#### Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$695 b.  
Union Ins., \$368 n.  
North China, Ins., Tls. 160 b.  
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.  
China Underwriters, \$2.30 s.  
China Fires, \$300 b.  
H. K. Fire Ins., \$765 n.

#### Shipping.

Douglas, \$33 s.  
H. K. Steamboats, \$36 s.  
H. K. Tugs, \$2.50 b.  
Indo-China, (Def.) \$70 n.  
Union Waterboats, \$22 n.

#### Mining.

Bonguets, \$21 b.  
Kailans, 64/- b.  
Langkats, Tls. 14 n.  
S'hai Explorations, Tls. 2.75 s.  
Rauhs, \$6 65 b.  
Tronohs, 17/6 n.

#### Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$121 n.  
Whampoa Docks, \$36 s.  
China Providents \$4.25 b.  
Hongkows, Tls. 178 b.  
New Engineering, Tls. 51 b.  
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 125 n.

#### Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 12.50 b.  
Oriental, Tls. 2 b.  
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 72 (old) s.

#### Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$8.75 n.  
H. K. Lands, \$62 b.  
S'hai Lands, Tls. 143 n.  
Humphreys, \$14.35 b.  
Realities, \$8.35 b.

#### Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$18.00 b.  
Peak Trams, (old) \$124 n.  
Star Ferries, \$664 s.  
China Lights, (Old) \$13.70 b.  
H. K. Electric, \$574 b.  
Macao Electric, \$261 n.  
Telephones \$7 b.  
China Buses, Tls. 14 b.  
Singapore Traction, 11/6 n.

#### Industrials.

China Sugars, 80 sa.  
Malabone, \$27 b.  
Canton Ice, \$1.80 b.  
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2.—You can change only one letter at a time.  
3.—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.  
4.—The order of letters cannot be changed.  
One solution is printed on another page.

## FANLING GOLF.

### STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

9.28 a.m.—W. J. Gordon and H. G. Howard.  
9.32 a.m.—A. C. Coppin and S. S. Perry.  
9.36 a.m.—I. H. Genro and C. B. Johnson.  
9.40 a.m.—A. Leach and A. D. Humphreys.  
9.44 a.m.—A. E. Lassman and E. Des Voeux.  
9.48 a.m.—A. F. Judd and R. P. Moodie.  
9.52 a.m.—J. H. Fox and S. M. Walker.  
9.56 a.m.—H. R. Sturt and P. Jacks.  
10.00 a.m.—E. P. Fletcher and J. S. MacLaren.  
10.04 a.m.—J. L. Adams and J. S. Dykes.  
10.08 a.m.—B. J. Lacey and B. H. C. Halliwell.  
10.12 a.m.—D. J. Gilmore and M. G. Mills.  
10.16 a.m.—O. E. C. Marton and Comdr. Brown.  
10.20 a.m.—E. B. Clarke and H. G. Hegarty.

## DERBY SWEEP DRAW.

### STOCK EXCHANGE NUMBERS PUBLISHED.

London, May 9.  
The draw for the Stock Exchange £1,000,000 Derby sweepstake has been accelerated owing to rumours of forged tickets being in circulation. They are fully published, and give the following numbers for present favourites (two prizes to each horse):  
Crugard, D. 12333, E. 46036.  
Mr. Jinks, E. 35555, G. 10077.  
Gay Day, B. 88666, A. 69229.  
Kopl, A. 76571, D. 40900.  
Costaki Pasha, F. 01200, C. 74107.  
Engarde, I. 34481, H. 23449.  
There are 1,018 prizes, the two first being each £125,000.  
The organisers announce that there is no guard against the danger of forged tickets. Drawers of winning tickets should present them at the offices of the fund the week after the Derby is run for examination. Only members of the Stock Exchange who originally purchased the tickets may bring the tickets, and cheques will only be paid to such stock brokers.—*Reuters.*

## LEAGUE TENNIS.

### K.C.C. "B" TEAM TO MEET CLUB DE RECREO.

The following have been selected to represent the K.C.C. in their "B" Division fixture on Saturday against the Club de Recreo on the Club de Recreo ground at 4 p.m.—  
A. E. Guest and L. Jack, W. M. Gittins and J. Mackintosh, Geo. Lee and E. B. Hambley.

#### Recreo Teams.

The following have been selected to represent the Club de Recreo.  
"B" team versus the K.C.C. (home)—L. A. Rocha, A. V. Gosano, A. V. Remedios, G. A. Noronha, A. A. Remedios, L. A. Ribeiro.  
"C" team versus the R.A.O.C. (home)—M. Remedios, M. Oliveira, H. A. Noronha, J. L. Xavier, A. Ribeiro, E. A. Noronha.

## BUCHAN'S COLD PERIODS.

### THEORY AGAIN PROVED CORRECT.

London, Apr. 13.  
The centenary of the birth of Alexander Buchan, whose strikingly accurate forecasts of weather conditions have surprised eminent meteorologists, occurred this week. The weather, as if in honour of so notable an anniversary, appears to be doing its best to support in the most thorough possible manner his most cherished theory.  
Buchan, who was secretary of the Meteorological Society of Scotland, deduced from his observations that cold periods regularly occurred between certain dates in each year. The first of his "periods" is February 7-10, which, this year, came within a long spell of severe wintry conditions. Since that period, the weather has alternated between winter, spring and summer conditions in more than traditional manner.

The second period started on Wednesday of this week, and, as has so often been the case, Buchan's prognostications have proved correct. Bitterly cold winds, laden with biting sleet, fell during the evening, and yesterday the temperature fell even lower. The "period" should come to an end to-morrow, so that after that a return of spring-like conditions should be general.

The next of Buchan's "periods" occurs between May 9 and May 14, when, according to his theory, one of the worst patches of cold weather is experienced. So generally accurate has the theory proved in the past that many people will look forward with confidence to yet another return of winter at that time.

## POST OFFICE NOTICE

### RADIO NOTICES.

The Radio Office is now situated on the ground floor of the P. & O. Building on Des Voeux Road, next to the General Post Office. This office is open day and night.

All particulars as to ships in communication, rates, etc., may be obtained at the Radio Office as above.  
Radio Telegrams may be sent to Europe, America, Philippine Islands, Dutch East Indies and many other destinations; also to Canton and many places in South China. Full particulars at the Radio Office.  
Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this.

Direct wireless communication has now been established between Hongkong and Kwangtung Stations at Wuchow, Nanning and Luchow—the charge is \$0.20 per word. Messages will also be accepted for Kwangyang and Changsha by above routes—the charge being \$0.30 per word. No charge will be collected from the addressees for delivery.

The rates for radio telegrams from Hongkong to the undermentioned places in the Kwangtung province (except Canton) are as follows:—

Kongmoon via Canton ..... \$0.30 per word.  
Kochow direct ..... \$0.20 per word.  
Toy Shan direct ..... \$0.20 per word.  
Pakhoi, Swatow, Hoihow, Samnai and Chungshan direct ..... \$0.20 per word.

In both cases the addressee will be required to pay an additional charge due to the Receiving Station of \$0.20 per word; this charge also applies to radiotelegrams received at Hongkong from Pakhoi, Swatow, Hoihow, Samnai and Chungshan.

The Radio Letter Service to the Philippine Islands is now as follows:—  
Manila City—\$0.10 per word ..... Minimum \$2.00  
Luzon Island—\$0.15 per word ..... " \$3.00  
All other Islands—\$0.20 per word ..... " \$4.00

It is hereby notified that messages will be accepted for transmission by wireless to Formosa at \$0.40 per word.  
Radio telegrams can now be accepted for transmission to Klu Kiang direct at the rate of \$0.30 per word and on the same conditions applicable to messages exchanged with Pakhoi, etc.  
The usual morning mail for Macao will not be despatched on the 13th and 14th inst.

### INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Java	Tjikembang	May 10.
Amoy	Takada	May 10.
Straits	Takada	May 10.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. McKinley	May 11.
Shanghai and Swatow	Sochow	May 11.
Straits	Suisang	May 11.
Japan, Shanghai and Europe via Siberia London 18-19 Apr.	Tamba Maru	May 11.
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Manila	Pres. Taft	May 13.
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Japan and Shanghai	D'Aragnan	May 21.

### OUTWARD MAILS.

To	Per	Date and Time.
Amoy	Hunch	Fri., May 10, 3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kochow	Fri., May 10, 4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tjikembang	Fri., May 10, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Tjikembang	Fri., May 10, 6 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Kalyan	Sat., May 11.
Japan and *Victoria B. C.	IXION	Sat., May 11.
Manila and parcels only for Germany via Hamburg	Ruhr	Sat., May 11, 12.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard	Tai Pao Shek	Sat., May 11, 12.30 p.m.
Haiphong	Canton	Sat., May 11, 2.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. McKinley	Sat., May 11, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow	Sinking	Sat., May 11, 5 p.m.
Amoy	Anking	Sat., May 11, 5 p.m.
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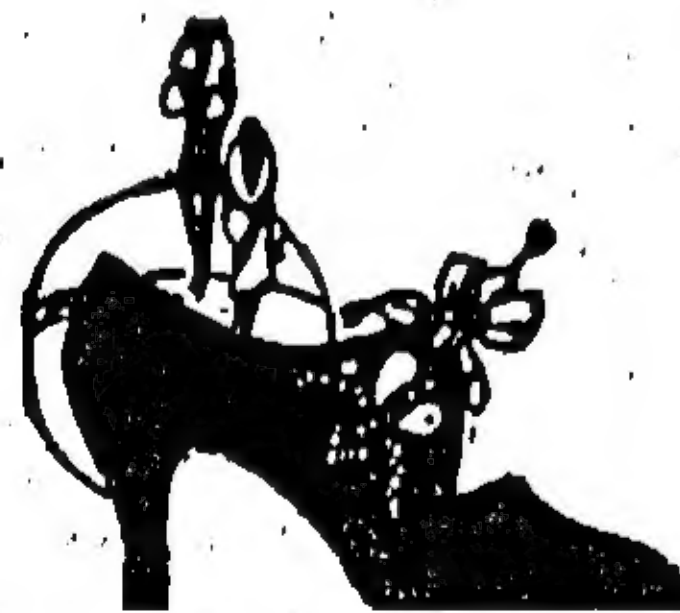
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### "MOTHER."

HUMAN INTEREST STORY AT THE MAJESTIC.

The sacrifices that parents, especially mothers, will make for their children, is vividly shown in "Mother," the brilliant F.O.B. production which is now showing at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon.

There is nothing fictional to the theme—it is life's story enacted every day and every week and every month, and one leaves the theatre after viewing it with a more pronounced idea of the sacrifices, the hardships, endured by parents, and the burdens, though innocently, placed on fathers and mothers by children.

Belle Bennett, who won world-wide fame by her marvellous portrayal in "Stella Dallas," is the typical American middle-class mother in this picture, and it is universally agreed that it is her finest effort for the screen.

She portrays a Spartan mother—not the whining sort, but rather the sort of mother that forces a smile while her heart is on the point of breaking.

Crawford Kent, William Bakewell and Joyce Coad compose the family group, and Sam Allen, Mabel Julianne Scott and Charlotte Stevens are prominent in the supporting cast.

The picture is directed by J. Leo Meehan.

### QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"SLIGHTLY USED" BOOKED FOR SUNDAY.

"Slightly Used," a Warner Bros. production directed by Archie L. Mayo, with May McAvoy and Conrad Nagel and an excellent supporting cast, comes to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday, according to a special announcement in this issue.

The story is a delightful comedy of youth, in which a young lady, to escape home nagging, pretends to be married, runs it, goes through some startling and excitingly funny adventures, and in the end gets to be what she pretended to be. The picture is said to contain a number of extremely amusing situations of which the utmost has been made by the principal players and the large supporting cast. Audrey Ferris, Anders Randolph and Robert Agnew, all well known screen artists with several film successes to their credit, also have important parts to play.

### CHICHERIN'S HEALTH.

RETURN TO RUSSIA NOT IN CONTEMPLATION.

Berlin, Apr. 12.

Chicherin, the Soviet Commissar for Foreign Affairs, who has been in a Berlin sanatorium for the past twelve months, is, according to the Berliner Tageblatt, leaving to-day for some unspecified destination.

It is understood on good authority that Chicherin does not contemplate returning to Russia, but continuing his cure at some German health resort. He is seriously indisposed with diabetes, and well-informed circles here are of opinion that both the state of his health and the disfigurement into which he has fallen at Moscow will prevent him from ever resuming active work at his nominal post.

There remains little doubt that in all but the actual appointment, Litvinoff is Commissar for Foreign Affairs.

The refusal of the German Cabinet to allow Trotsky to enter Germany was the result of the opposition of Dr. Stresemann, who feared the complications likely to arise at home and abroad from Trotsky's irrepressible tendency to propaganda.

## WOMAN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.

### Unstudied Pose.

WOMAN AND HER PHOTOGRAPH.

The modern photographer does not care very much about the dress of his sitter; he likes to concentrate on the head and shoulders, the hands, and the pose.

He realises dress in a photograph grows ridiculous with the years; when painted it keeps its charm, as may be seen by old portraits even of such ungraceful periods in fashion as that of the bustle; witness that remarkable portrait of the "Lady with a Glove" in the Luxembourg.

**Fleeing Charm.**

Neither is it the beautiful women only who make good photographic studies. With clever posing, clever lighting, unusual developing and printing, an interesting face which is not perfect in features can now make a charming picture. The studied, affected, unnatural pose is not the one most liked; the modern photographer is all for catching the fleeting charm of an expression or the careless grace of an unstudied pose.

He has to watch for his opportunity much as he does when photographing wild birds, and he has to avoid frightening his prey for fear it should fall into self-consciousness.

**A Revival.**

There is a notable revival of artistic portrait-making by photography in Paris just now, and some of the work being done is quite remarkable.

A relatively unknown Italian artist is working at most unusual photographs and is producing studies of well-known people which are unlike anything that has been done in photography up to the present. He tries to find out from his sitters what is their greatest interest, their work in life, and then he waits for his moment. He sometimes achieves a bit of work which makes you feel as if he had caught on his lens something of that inner mystery of a personality which only the great portrait painters ever get, and that not often.

When the portrait of a woman of to-day is not done by an artist photographer, she seems to prefer the snap-shot. It is all one with her taste for simple clothes, her frank speech, her passion for facing what she thinks is truth, even in its most unpleasant forms. She dislikes affectation and anything hypocritical.

If she makes up her face she lets it be quite clear that she uses rouge and lip-stick, that she plucks her eyebrows and keeps her hair in place by some sort of magic. She is not touchy about being snap-shot when striding over the golf links or driving hard at a ball. She does not mind her feet looking large in brogues, but she hates to look silly or insipid.

That is why the "study" portrait has gone, or is going, out of fashion.

### Today's Recipe.

A DAINTY SWEET.

One-half pound marshmallows, 1 cup whipping cream, 1-4 cup candied cherries, 1-4 cup candied pineapple, 1-2 cup pecan nuts, 2 tablespoons powdered sugar, 1-2 teaspoon vanilla.

Cut fruit in small pieces. Cut marshmallows in quarters, add sugar and vanilla and fold in prepared marshmallows, fruit and nuts. Turn into a mold and let stand on ice several hours to chill and become firm.

### Voiced Insured for Hugo Sum.



One million dollars is the sum insured by the Casualty Company of Philadelphia.

Since her new contract has gone into effect, Miss Griffith has agreed to pay to First National Pictures, of New York, against loss or damage resulting from the total and permanent loss of the voice of Corinne Griffith.

Corinne recently was awarded a new five-year contract which stipulates that each of her productions will be a 100 per cent. dialogue picture.

The insurance contract extends only to cover the total and permanent loss of voice.

### Keeping An Art Alive.

IN DEFENCE OF THE CHATTERER.

The majority of people are, undoubtedly, attracted more by the man or woman who has not very much to say than by the voluble person. Yet, we must not condemn the latter off-hand, whilst indiscriminately bestowing our admiration on the reticent.

It would be a pity were the art of conversation to die, and, however banal and platitudinous the talk of two people may be, they are, nevertheless, doing something to keep alive that art. Taciturnity does nothing to help in this direction, and it is not always the case that those who say nothing do so because they have nothing to say.

The proverb that silence is golden must not be given too much credit as a wise saying. The woman who talks for the sake of hearing herself speak may be a bore, but is of a more agreeable character than she whose silence is not an indication of modesty but of distrust of her fellow-beings.

### An Admirable Trait.

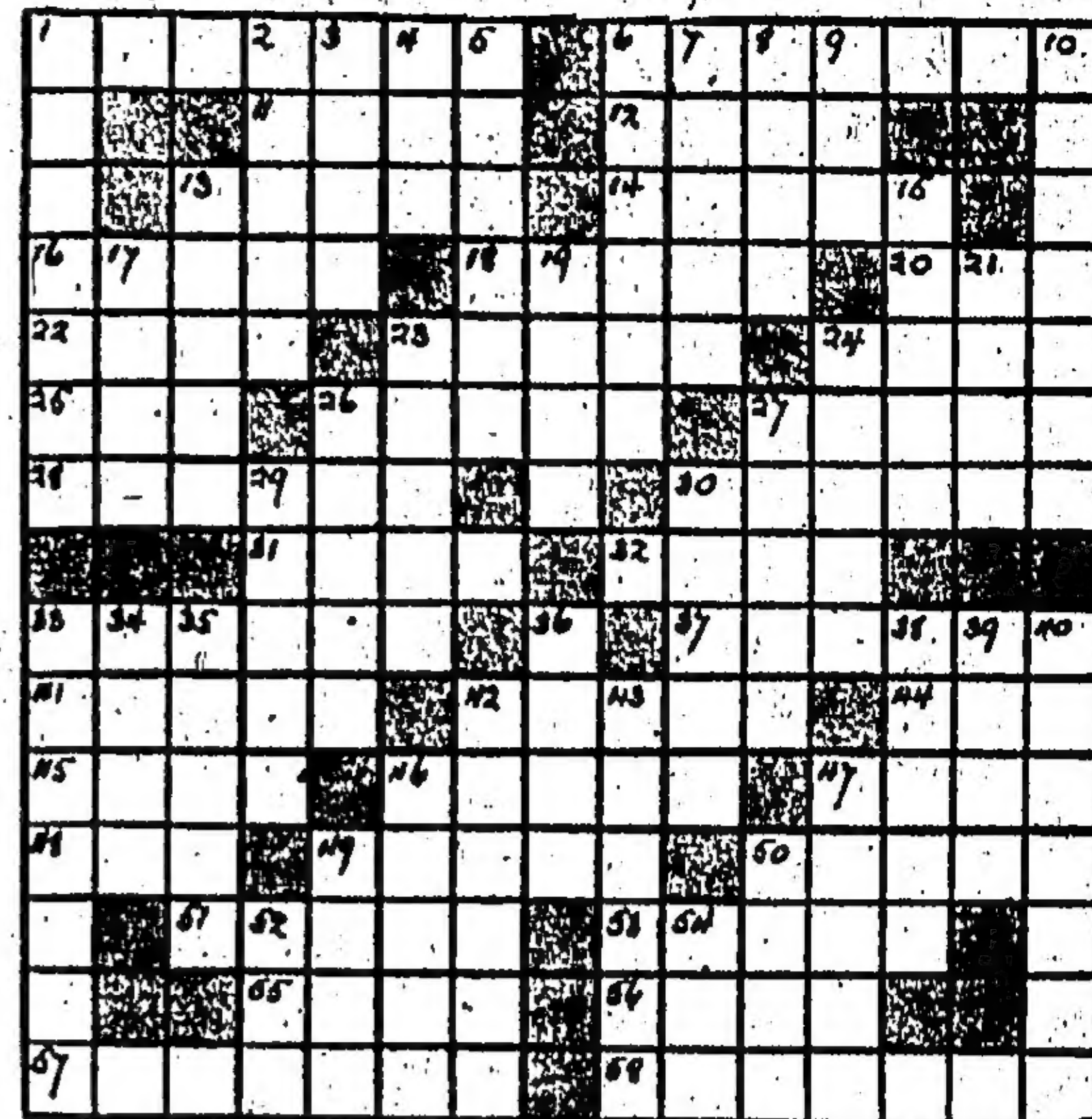
Reserve, of course, is an admirable trait when displayed amongst a company of calumniators. Silence is indeed golden when evil is being spoken of anyone—unless it be broken in defence of the maligned—and unwillingness to take part in such conversations does not necessarily mean that the abstainer is a person of few words.

There is often wisdom in silence, too, when some unjust slight, criticism, or accusation prompts an indignant and scathing rejoinder from the injured party. To preserve silence in such circumstances is more effective, and produces a greater feeling of self-respect than does a heated retort.

It was once said of Von Moltke that he could hold his tongue in more foreign languages than any other living European. This was, doubtless, considered a merit in the old Prussian General, but we are not all in positions such as Moltke's, and should at all events avoid carrying taciturnity to the point of churlishness.

But the one unforgivable occasion of silence is when a word is called for in order to remove blame or suspicion from the innocent—even though it be to shoulder it oneself. C. T. W.—In Exchange.

### OUR NEW BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



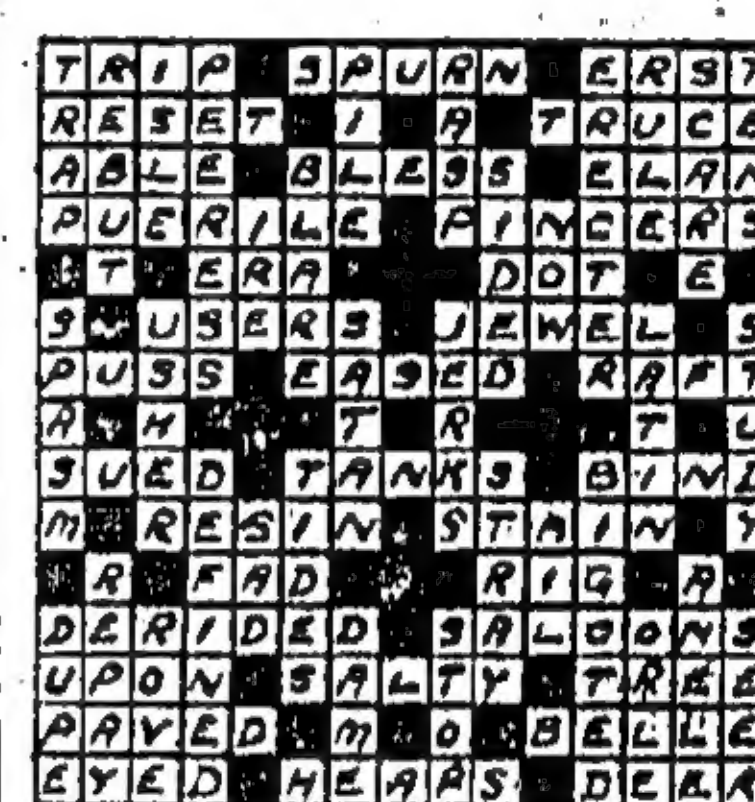
Across

- Pellucid.
- Runs ground.
- Frong.
- Conceited fellow.
- Tracts of sandy soil.
- Irritated.
- Cleave asunder.
- Charm.
- Venomous snake.
- Stated.
- Ethical.
- Wicked.
- Old age.
- Languished.
- Newly wedded woman.
- Thought.
- One who plunders.
- Gaelic.
- Inclination.
- Not wide.
- Sea of affections.
- Move round.
- Matched.
- Distant.
- Depend on.
- Artificial waterway.
- Small creek.
- Consumed.
- Charged.
- Trim by shaving.
- Portion.
- Arroyo.
- Cereal.
- Once.
- Plans.
- Merit by labour.

Down

- Era.
- One who samples.
- Slide.
- Used for lowering boats.
- Dim.
- Spill.
- Faction.
- The middle.
- Appear as if gnawed.
- Danger.
- Blank.
- Resembling meal.
- Defamatory writing.
- Makes tighter.
- Allowance for waste.
- Characters represented by actors.
- Girdle.
- In presence of.
- Spare.
- Sort of fame.
- Fondle.
- Stuck.
- Bill of fare.
- Social position.
- Froth.
- Go by.
- Gardening implement.
- Before.

Yesterday's Solution



### "CRUCIFIXION."

RECORD PRICE FOR PAINTING AT PUBLIC AUCTION.

New York, May 9.

At an auction at Anderson Galleries, Florio Francesca's "Crucifixion" was bought by Sir Joseph Duveen for \$375,000. It is believed that this is a record price for a painting at a public auction.

Lippi's "Madonna and Child" was sold for \$125,000.—Reuter's American Service.

### LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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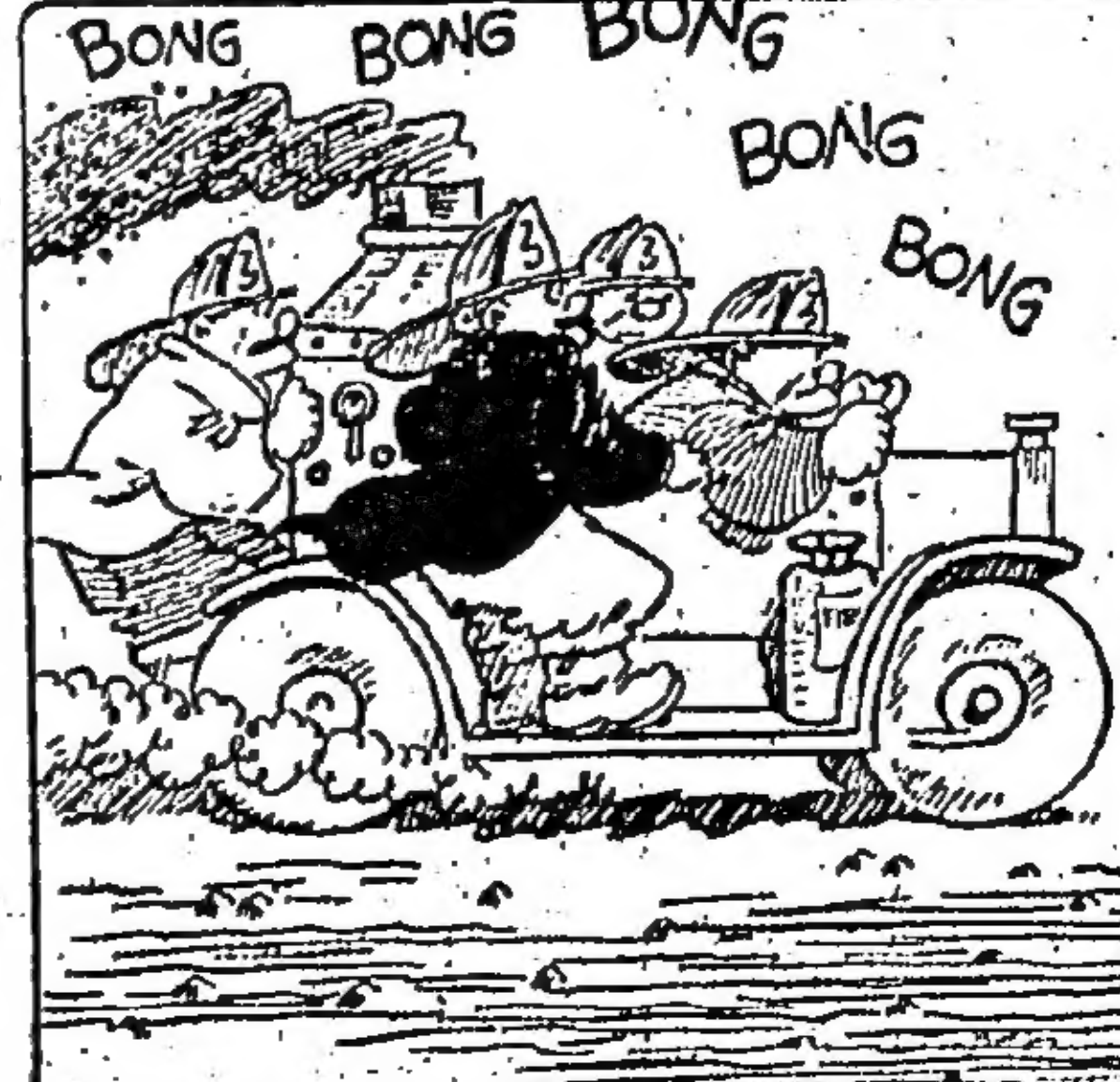
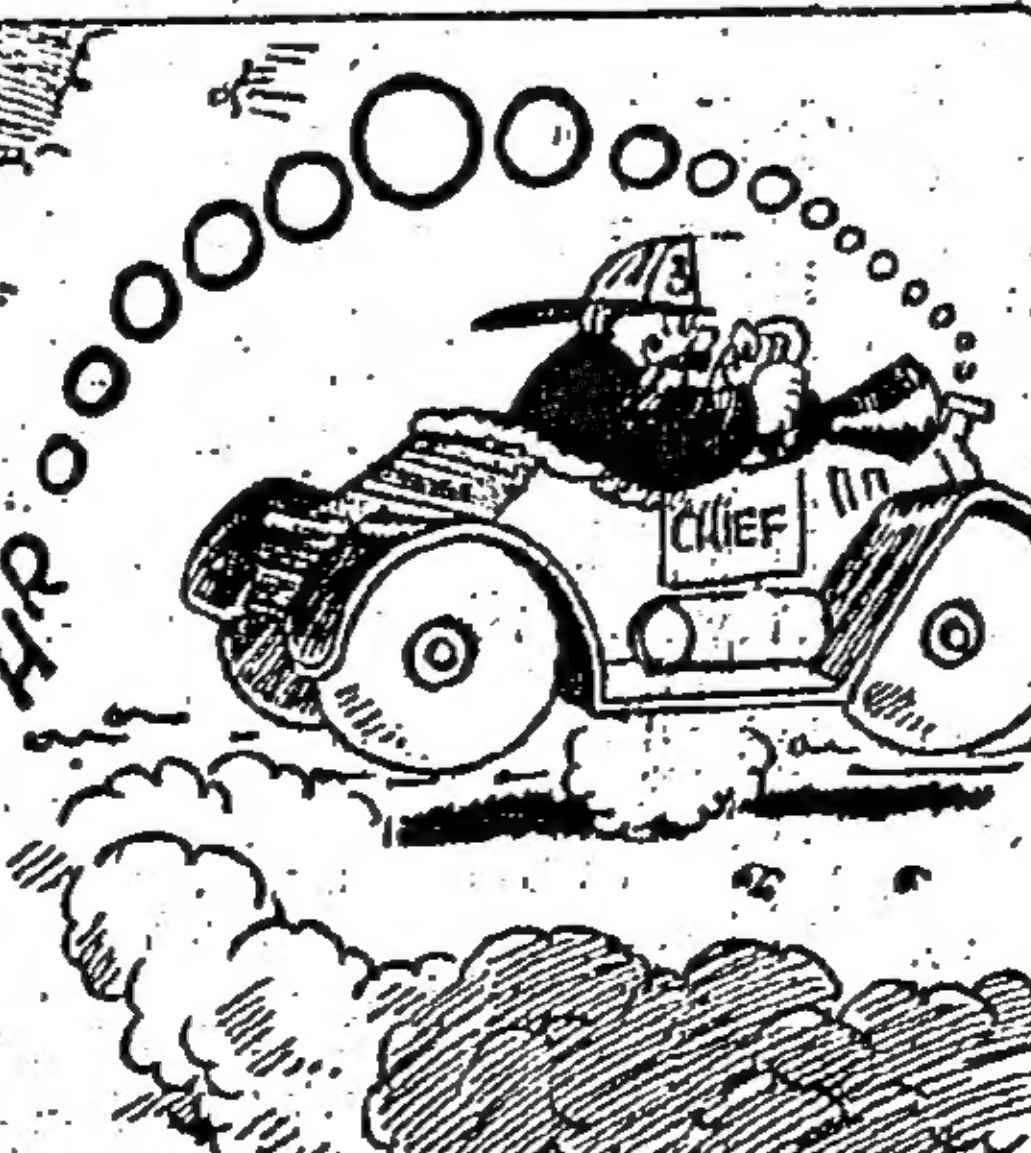
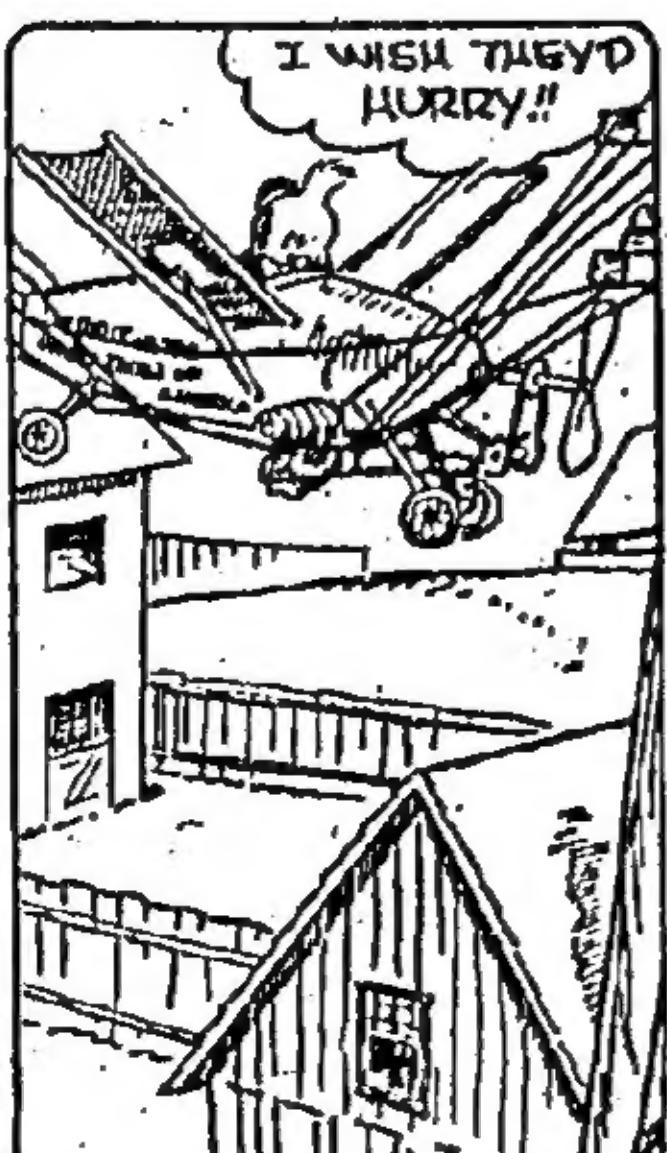
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### FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

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By Blosser

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(When I Survey the Wondrous Cross (Miller))
- B-2965 Take a Look at Mine (Dougherty) Gracie Fields  
(Reviews (Gragson))
- B-2966 A Run with the Darktown Hunt (Vernon) Scott and Whaley  
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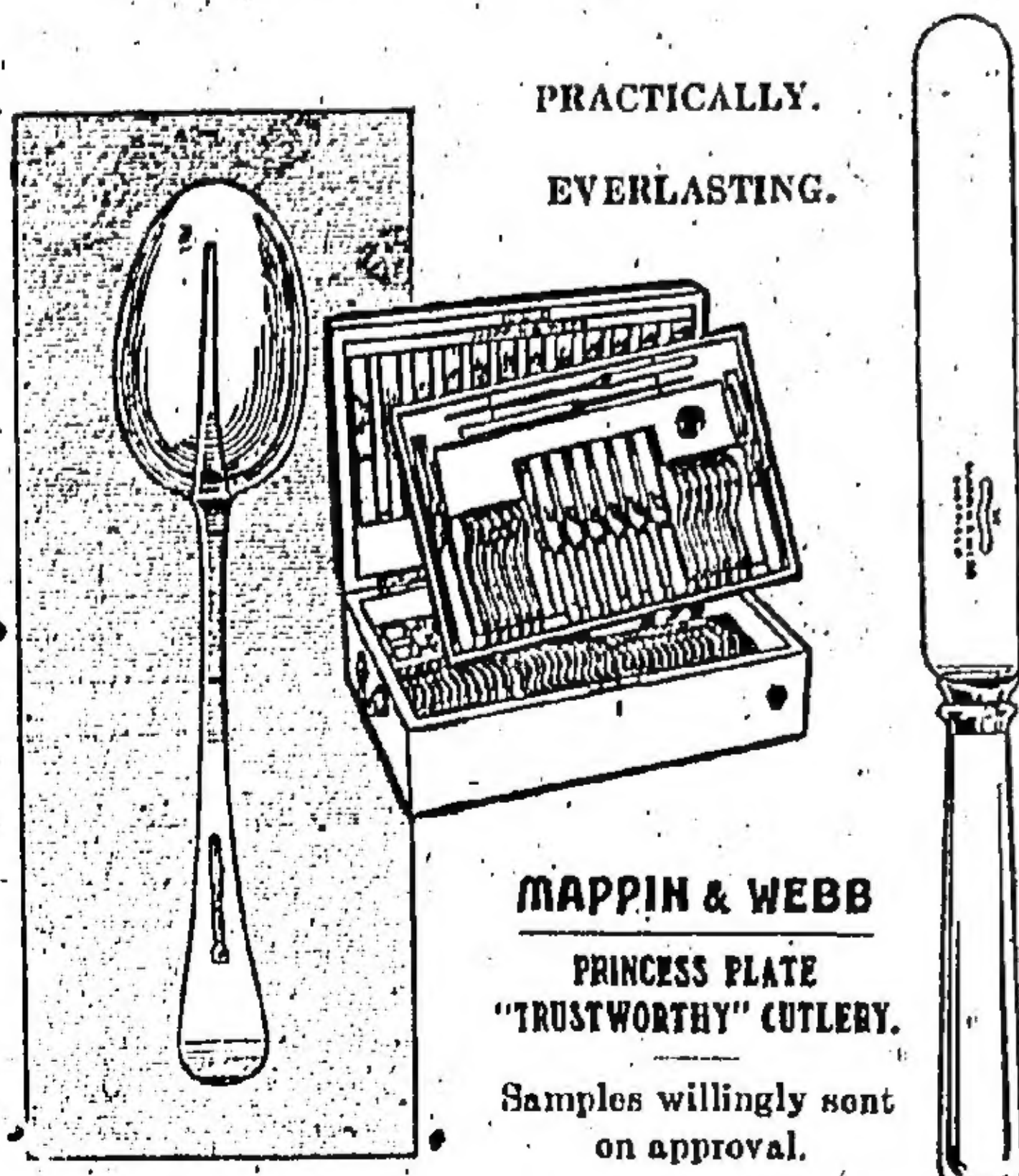
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FRIDAY MAY 10, 1929

## BRITAIN'S EXPORT TRADE.

British export trade is of sufficient importance to Hongkong to invest with more than ordinary interest the final report of the Committee on Industry and Trade, recently issued in London. This completes one of the most exhaustive surveys of British trade ever undertaken. It was in July, 1924, that the Committee was directed to enquire into the conditions and prospects of industry and commerce, with special reference to the export trade, and to make recommendations in regard thereto. Prior to the final report, no fewer than six interim reports had been issued, a fact which demonstrates the extensive nature of the investigations made. The industrial development of Great Britain, and the rapid growth in population during the past century have resulted in a steady growth in the country's dependence on overseas supplies for many of the essential means of existence, and, the Committee states that there is no reason to expect this tendency to be arrested or reversed in the near future. As in the long run the only means of securing such imports is by offering British products and services in payment, the importance of a large and expanding export trade is obvious, and the Committee has therefore kept this aspect of the problem in the forefront.

We have not the space in which to analyse the various sections of this final report, but there is one which is of more than passing interest to Hongkong, this being devoted to the consideration of machinery for marketing British goods, especially in overseas countries. It is possible that in the past this subject has failed to receive the attention to which it is entitled and the Committee state that although a number of British exporting firms in all industries is as well represented in the consuming markets as any exporters in the world, too many British exporters show a want of proper activity in the way of intelligent and sympathetic study of the markets and in energetic salesmanship. Considerable emphasis is laid upon the absolute necessity of manufacturers visiting from time to time the various markets in which their goods are sold, so as to keep fully acquainted with local requirements, and attention is

also drawn to the extensive facilities for keeping in touch with conditions abroad, through the organisations established in Great Britain both of an official and an unofficial character. Much of the success secured by foreign competitors in recent years is attributable to the importance attached by them to the perfecting of their marketing organisation and it is an encouraging sign that British manufacturers are now devoting an increasing amount of attention to this question.

Coupled with this question of the machinery for marketing is another very important aspect, namely, the personal touch with buyers. We all know how, in the Far East, German and American commercial men, for example, make a strong point of friendly and cordial contact with the Chinese, with resultant benefits to their trade. We do not suggest, of course, that British agents are not just as much alive to the value of this attitude, but we do say that in times past a good deal of business has been lost by a failure to go out after it. In no sphere of life are enterprise and energy more necessary than in commerce, and nowhere are these attributes likely to reap greater rewards than in the East. We are all hoping that the day will soon dawn when peace and order will be restored in China. Until that day comes, the interim can be very beneficially employed by putting into effect a policy of preparedness so that we may be ready to seize the opportunity when it comes along.

## Motor Taxation.

The silence maintained by the Government regarding the recommendations of the committee appointed to consider and advise on motor taxation in the Colony is probably a good sign. The inference to be drawn is that the powers-that-be have also given a close study to the proposals, have also observed the snags and the anomalies, are also not entirely satisfied that a system which does not pass without protest in Great Britain can be fairly applied in the different circumstances extant in Hongkong, and are awaiting a lead from the motoring community. It is, therefore, very satisfactory to learn that the Committee of the Hongkong Automobile Association is taking the matter up earnestly and intends to place its views before the Government. A special meeting of the members is possibly advisable, though opinion regarding the horse-power tax is almost unanimous in its opposition, and the projected meeting would merely serve to confirm the officials of the A.A. in their attitude. If the purpose of the Government in publishing the recommendations without comment was to test the feeling of the motor community, they have been left in little doubt. The subject has been well ventilated in both the editorial and correspondence columns of the local Press, and to judge by the comments, the horse-power tax is the most iniquitous invention of a facile financial brain which ever scrambled through a Parliament. The only conceivable excuse for such an imposition in Hongkong is a desire to foster the sale of low-powered British cars, and the suggested tax is not sufficiently high to have any appreciable effect. If any further argument were desired, it is only necessary to turn to the recent suggestions to the British manufacturers, who presumably have most to gain by the horse-power tax. They recommended Mr. Churchill to remove or to reduce the tax and to increase the petrol tax to cover the loss to the Treasury, and we are inclined to the view that only the electioneering nature of the Budget decided the Cabinet against accepting these proposals. Whether they were wise or otherwise remains to be seen.

An enjoyable whilst drive was held at the Police Recreation Club last night, resulting in the following being awarded prizes: Ladies, 1st, Mrs. Merriman; 2nd, Mrs. Wood; 3rd, Mrs. Jones. Gentlemen, 1st, Mr. Nicol; 2nd, Mr. Field; 3rd, Mr. Smith. There were 18 tables in the drive, which was held in the open air. It is proposed to make this whilst-drive a weekly function, commencing every Thursday, at 8.45 p.m.

## DAY BY DAY.

REMEMBER THIS—THAT: VERY LITTLE IS NEEDED TO MAKE A HAPPY LIFE.—Marcus Aurelius.

A Chinese case of small-pox was notified yesterday.

Lieut. Commr. H. S. L. Ewart is appointed to H.M.S. Kent.

Surgn. Lieut. W. W. Darley, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., has been appointed to H.M.S. Gannet.

Lady Shouson Chow will perform the inauguration ceremony of the new pavilion at King's Park of the South China Athletic Association on Sunday afternoon.

## THE "TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT.

Interesting Sports Pictures To-morrow.

Sporting pictures will predominate in to-morrow's issue of the Telegraph Art Supplement. There will be quite a number of photos taken at the Sacred Heart College sports at Kowloon, including a big group of grandstand spectators, whilst several snapshots will appear of the 2nd Division lawn bowls match between the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and the Club de Recreolo. The China Command sports will also be illustrated.

Some good pictures will be given of queues of people waiting at the street fountains for water, whilst other illustrations will include a group taken at the wedding of Mr. James Grant and Miss Alice Blyth; H.M.S. Cornwall's Champion billiards team; and a picture of H.M.S. Oniria, the new British submarine, which, with others, is to be commissioned for service on the China Station.

The explosion of a keiser severely scalded a Chinese named Mok Hing, living at 925, Des Voeux Road West yesterday. He was taken to the G.C.H. and it is stated that his condition is critical.

For carrying 20 passengers in excess of the number allowed by her licence, the mistress of a passenger boat was fined \$30 or three weeks' hard labour at the Marine Court by the Hon. Commr. G. F. Hole, R. N. this morning.

For cutting down a pine-tree on the hillside at Aberdeen, a Chinese was fined \$10 by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy today. Sergeant Hopkins said the defendant had provided himself with a whole outfit, including a saw and a chopper.

## BRIDGE MADE EASY

by W.W. Wentworth

(Abbreviations: A—ace; K—king; Q—queen; J—jack; X—any card lower than 10).

3—Initial Suit Bids. Thousands of bridge players fear to bid a suit containing four cards. They have been impressed with the idea that at least five cards must be held in a suit in order to make a sound initial suit bid. This theory is fallacious and obsolete. A four-card suit may be bid with as much freedom as a five-card suit, providing the suit and the total hand contain the minimum requirements for a four-card suit bid.

To make a bid in a four-card suit, the total hand should contain at least 2½ quick tricks, one of which, as a rule, should be in the four-card suit. The four-card suit must contain at least two honours higher than Q J.

The following table sets forth the minimum requirements for a four-card suit bid:

Cards held in bidding suit	Quick tricks required in other suits
A K Q X or A K J 10	none
A K J X or A Q J 10 or K J 10	½
A K X X or A Q J X or A J 10 X or K Q J X or K J 10 X	1
A Q X X or A J 10 X or K J 10 X	1½ or A Q
To fall to bid a sound four-card suit initially may not only deprive your partner of valuable information but also of a game. It may be just the missing suit that he requires for a no trump bid.	

## CORRESPONDENCE.

A Leg-Pull.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—I feel it my duty to defend, against the very virulent attack of Catfish, my old friend Wentworth, with whom years ago, I cleaned up so many Camander smoke-rooms. I frankly admit that in stuffy old places like the Portland every one of Catfish's leads would be considered correct and every one of Wentworth's (as we called him) wrong. But he had no space to explain the finer points.

Let me take two examples. In No. 2, west has to lead up to No. 3, with a hand containing the top three hearts and five diamonds to the King, nine. Now so rapidly had the "no-no" been snapped out that W.W.'s (as we used to call him) partner had only time to signal "very short hearts; very strong diamonds." Went (as he was called) rapidly saw that to get them two down he must immediately unblock the diamonds (his partner holding Ace, Queen, Knave). Catfish's suggested King of Hearts (partner having a singleton) would be a fatal opening.

The other example No. 3 is finer still. Worthy (as he was known) at once saw that he had only 12 cards and speed was essential if full advantage was to be taken of this. Whether he leads the top heart or the top diamond (holding in each an identical guard to Queen) matters not a whoop. Slap it out quickly. All that talk of a five-suit is merely the usual post-mortem eyewash with which we used to confuse our victims.

But larger issues are at stake; and if we can be abusive about Evolution and References, why not about Bridge? I visualise Catfish as a flat-fronted, straight-haired little spinster, the post-mortem terror of the Peak Club. Why not give the Kausing some more propellers? When are we to have our red blinker back? And if so, why? At the next Royal visit will the Parish Pump spout water? All these civic scandals cry aloud and we are asked to discuss bridge! If we let Catfish and her kind read newspapers in a draughty Club annexe, they will soon want to vote at Sanitary Board elections.

No, no, Catfish! Leave the important issues of life to us males.—Yours, etc., FITZGIBB.

Hongkong, May 9, 1929.

## Musical Critiques.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—Your musical critic "Allegro," in his otherwise able and interesting critique of Mr. Harry Ore's concert last Tuesday, makes a statement to the effect that in writing a Sonata the more important part is usually given to the Piano. I should like to remind him that this is rank musical heresy. In a Sonata for Piano and another instrument, the ideal to be aimed at always has been, and always I hope will be, perfect equality.

If he ever tries to write a Sonata (as I hope he will) he will find that his chief difficulty will be to restrain the stringed instrument (especially the Violin) from absorbing all the subject matter, and to find something for it to say, while the Piano has its share of the subjects, which will be interesting in itself and yet not intrude upon the Piano's efforts. If he gives public utterance to heresies like the above I greatly fear that he will, in the next world, become "Allegro con fuoco!"—perhaps condemned for ever to write critiques on jazz and listen to Tosli's "Goodbye" and "The Rosary." I enclose my card.—Yours, etc., DECREASENDO.

Hongkong, May 9th, 1929.

## 21 YEARS AGO.

SOME EXTRACTS FROM THE "TELEGRAPH" FILES.

The following items are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended May 10th, 1908:

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 10½d.

The death occurred, at the age of 65 years, of Mr. J. W. Osborne, the proprietor of the Kowloon Hotel.

Mr. R. J. MacGowan was appointed to act as Secretary of the Wharf and Godown Co. during the absence of the Hon. Mr. E. Osborne.

Money-changers in Canton, following Hongkong's example, decided to boycott Japanese notes and silver yen.

Lady Lugard, wife of H.E. the Governor, left for Home by the a.s. Empress of Japan; owing to ill-health.

## The V.

Some of the "young men" cotton goods referred to by Mr. Jones, when addressing the Athenaeum Textile Society at Manchester recently.

Young men, he said, found it hard to recognize customers by their faces, particularly Chinese. Yet far too many firms gave a young man only three years' experience before expecting him to be able to tackle all manner of jobs. Mr. Jones thought a newcomer needed seven years' Eastern experience before he was capable of looking after a department. This should follow, he suggested, five years' practical experience of piece goods in Manchester. Practical knowledge was indispensable. He admitted, however, that many who had it did not prove good salesmen, while others who had it not, yet who came straight from college, had a social sense that made them get on well with customers. Another difficulty of the English salesman's difficulties in the Far East lay in the necessity for absolute cheapness in goods for supplying the native demand. But taking all these factors into account, he thought that British salesmanship abroad was very satisfactory.

Aunt Jane was spring-cleaning when her niece called with the budget of family news. She listened calmly to the recital.

"Uncle Joe died last Friday—young Tom has pneumonia—Aunt Mary has to have an operation."

Then, with a sympathetic nod, she said, "Yes, it's all trouble, isn't it? And we've got moth in our mattress now!"

[A good many poultry-keepers are finding the yolks in their eggs are lighter in colour than usual for this time of the year].

The eggs produced by hens of late are somewhat pale about the yolk. So, from their observations, state the various poultry-keeping folk.

How'er that be, I had a new Laid egg (so-called) obtained on sale.

A day or two ago, which (pshaw!) was certainly beyond the pale.

Deputy-Judge Sir Cecil Walsh, at Kingston—No reasonable person can live without water, although many try. School attendance case evidence at Tottenham—The child has made eight attendances out of a possible seven attendances.

Man at Tottenham, referring to a policeman—This gentleman, Magistrate—Don't call him a gentleman; he is a policeman. Policeman at Kingston—He said when asked to sign a ball form, "Let me have a look at the charge-sheet to see what my name is." Clerk at North London—Do you want to ask your wife any questions? Man—No, but there is a lot I would like to say to the Judge.

Speaking in London, Sir Edwin Stockton said his position as a humbled and impoverished manufacturer and wholesaler suggested to him the story of a Scotsman who was being shown the wealthy parts of New York. The Scotsman was immensely impressed; and at last, being asked what he thought of it all, remarked in tones of profound admiration, "Mon, I'd give a thousand pounds to be a millionaire."

According to a contemporary 60 per cent. of men's ties and 75 per cent. of men's socks are bought by women. Even in these days of masquerade it is hardly to be supposed that they are worn by the purchasers, but it would be interesting to know what percentage of the ties, for instance, are actually used by those for whom they are purchased.

The tragedy of the utterly lachrymose tie presented to the victim by one whose feelings he would be the last to lacerate has been a stock situation with our minor humorists for years, and never a Christmas passes without a reminder from them that most of us are liable to find ourselves in a distressing situation—torn between affection and aesthetic desire.

The wise man is he who, having care for what he wears, lays down an immutable law in his household that he shall be the provider of his own raiment. It is true that a man does not see much of a tie while he is wearing it; but the thought that every glance that is directed at him takes note of his lack of taste is hard to bear. The fact is that not one man in a hundred notices another man's tie.



SITUATION  
LINED.REVIEWED IN THE  
HOUSE OF COMMONS.

## BRITISH SERVICES.

London, May 9.  
Mr. G. Locker Lampson, Foreign Under-Secretary, made a statement in the House of Commons to-day regarding the present situation in China.

He said there has recently been an appreciable improvement in the situation in the Middle Yangtze Valley, which is now entirely under the control of the National Government.

Three of the defeated Kwangsi Generals have expressed their willingness to leave Hupeh if they were given safe conduct under the British flag. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek had formally requested that this should be done, in order to hasten the termination of hostilities, and they have accordingly been conveyed to Shanghai in a British warship.

In Shantung, Chang Chun-chang has been definitely beaten and left the province. Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang's forces have been withdrawn from Shantung into Honan and the control of the former province has been given to a Nanking General.

Nanking troops are being transferred from the Tientsin area to North Honan. Shanghai troops are being withdrawn to their own province from Peking and sent to reinforce the Shansi-Honan border.

All Marshal Feng's adherents have left Nanking, where his quarters have been occupied by local troops.

On May 4th, Kwangsi troops advanced into Kwantung. The local authorities of Canton have sent gunboats to check the invasion.

Reports received do not indicate anxiety regarding the safety of British subjects. Except for one missionary who elected to remain, all British subjects have been safely evacuated from Changteh.

—British Wireless.

MAJOR SUMMONSES  
CHAUFFEUR.ACCUSED OF RECKLESS  
DRIVING.

Major R. A. Wolfe-Murray appeared as the complainant in a summons, before Major C. Willson, this morning, against a Chinese public-car driver, for reckless driving.

The Major said that at about 6.15 p.m. on Sunday, April 28, he was driving his private car up the hill from Repulse Bay towards Wongneichong Gap. Another car was about 30 yards ahead of him, and had been so for a minute or so before the incident in question occurred.

At a point in the road where his field of view was not more than 20 yards beyond the car ahead of him, public-car No. 175 cut in front of him, taking a position right between the two cars. He and two others who were with him in the car, were of the opinion that the driver of Car No. 175 was driving to the public danger. His speedometer read 18 miles an hour before the incident. The road behind was straight, but his field of view was obscured by a bend 30 yards beyond the car which he was following.

The summons was adjourned for the attendance of other witnesses.

TWO-MINUTE MEETING!  
LIQUIDATION OF COMPANY  
CONFIRMED.

Probably one of the shortest Company meetings on record was that of the United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd., which took place at the offices of Messrs. Dodwell and Co. Ltd., this morning. At 11 a.m. promptly the Chairman, Mr. J. P. Warren, opened the meeting and at 11.02 a.m. the meeting concluded.

The meeting was a confirmatory one in regard to the voluntary winding-up of the firm, and there were present, apart from the Chairman, Messrs. H. J. Silva, B. S. Vieira and G. R. Edwards (Secretary).

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman said:—You will remember that at the extraordinary general meeting held at these offices on April 24 the following resolution was passed:—"That the Company be wound up voluntarily and that Dodwell and Co., Ltd., of Hongkong, be appointed liquidators for the purpose of such winding up." This requires confirmation at this meeting and I therefore beg to propose that the foregoing extraordinary resolution be confirmed.

The Chairman's proposition was seconded by Mr. G. R. Edwards and carried unanimously. The meeting then concluded.

INDIAN CAUSES  
TROUBLE.ASSAULT AND DAMAGE TO  
THEATRE.

While running away from a crowd of Chinese in Kansu Street, Yaumati, last night, an Indian, who had just arrived from Haiphong, utilised a heavy stick to disperse a number of Chinese impeding his progress, with the result that when a policeman arrived on the scene he was arrested and taken to the Police Station on a charge of assault.

When brought before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, it was stated by Detective Sergeant Fitchers that the defendant was being chased by some Chinese near the Kwong Chee Theatre at 8.45 p.m. yesterday. While running away from his pursuers, he struck the complainant who was among a number of pedestrians in the street.

The defendant had been under the influence of liquor and while being chased he was responsible for considerable damage to property belonging to the theatre.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$10 and ordered the defendant to pay the management of the Kwong Chee Theatre \$5 compensation for the damage caused.

## "THE CROWD."

BIG FILM SHOWING AT  
THE QUEEN'S.

"The Crowd," now showing at the Queen's Theatre, is a film to which there will be varying reactions. That it is a "big" picture, there can be no doubt.

The remarkable settings showing the huge crowds and the mighty buildings of New York are very cleverly conceived and they give the right atmosphere to the film.

The story itself, which shows a young man's struggles to get out of the rut and to become something more than a mere unit amongst millions of others, is somewhat depressing, though as a character study it is in many respects very true to life. Fortunately, there is a happy ending to relieve the gloom, although the impression is left that the climax is a little forced.

However, "The Crowd" is an attempt to produce a film which reflects life as it is, and quite a good job has been made of the effort. There are some happy touches of comedy which help to brighten the theme.

The acting throughout is particularly good, in which respect Eleanor Boardman and James Murray stand out prominently. Opinions may differ regarding the film, but we can commend it as being well worth seeing.

## JUDGMENT FOR £165,000.

LONDON FIRM TO PAY  
FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

A case in which the French Ministry of Finance sued Messrs. Perry and Company (Bow), Limited, of Victoria-street, Westminster, claiming £165,000, was decided by Mr. Justice Roche in the King's Bench Division in favour of the former.

The action arose out of the purchase by a French company from a German company, of 9,000 tons of sugar. The transaction was carried out under the Dawes scheme for the payment of reparations by Germany, and the French company gave the French Government two promissory notes for the purchase price, the amount being deducted from the sum due as reparations.

Messrs. Perry and Company, to whom the French company owed money for the reconstruction of a factory, signed the promissory notes as guarantors, and as the notes were dishonoured, the French company having gone into liquidation, the French Ministry sought to recover the amount of the notes from the guarantors.

Mr. Justice Roche, giving judgment for the French Ministry of Finance with costs, held that the defendants had power, under the articles of association of the company, to sign the promissory notes as sureties. He decided that the transaction was a commercial one, and he was satisfied that the defendants entered into it with a view to profit.

## WARSHIPS IN PORT.

Warships at present in port are as follows:—H.M. ships Tamar, Bruce and Seamew.

In Dock:—H.M. ships Marazion, L20 and L75.

No. 6 Buoy.—H.M.S. Berwick.

No. 1 Buoy.—H.M.S. Hermes.

No. 7 Buoy.—H.M. ships Serapis and Thracian.

No. 9 Buoy.—H.M.S. Seraph.

No. 11 Buoy.—H.M.S. Sepoy.

No. 12 Buoy.—H.M. ships Sirdar and Somme.

West Wall Dock.—H.M.S. Cornwall.

SERGEANT AND BUS  
DRIVER.DISPUTE OVER SHOWING  
OF BADGE.

## TRUMPED-UP CHARGE?

Summoned for not exhibiting his badge in a visible position, the driver of a Hongkong Tramway bus declared that the charge had been trumped up by an Indian Sergeant, who was vexed with him.

It was explained that the Sergeant had also sought to proceed against the driver on a charge of obstruction, but this had been dropped, and only the summons for failing to show the badge was proceeded with.

The case was heard before Major C. Willson this morning. Mr. Horace Lo being instructed to appear for the defence.

Giving evidence, Ramu Singh, a Sikh Sergeant, said he was on patrol duty in Connaught Road Central at 9.25 on the night of April 30th, when he saw a bus in the charge of the defendant drive up to the Star Ferry Wharf and park it to the left of the ricksha stand. Witness told defendant to move on, but he replied that he was waiting to pick up passengers upon the arrival of the Star Ferry boat. At witness' request, defendant produced his licence, and in doing so, also brought out from his inner breast pocket his driver's badge, which should have been worn on the outside of his jacket.

Witness gave him to understand that he would be summoned not only for obstruction, but also for not exhibiting his badge in a visible position.

Four minutes after the bus had stopped at the spot, the Ferry boat put alongside, but no passengers came on the bus.

Mr. Horace Lo put it to witness that no less than 11 persons did get aboard the bus, and suggested that witness' evidence was not to be relied on, if he could not speak to that fact within his four minutes' observation of the bus.

The defendant, making his statement from the witness-box, said that he was wearing his badge, which the Indian insisted he should unpin. When he took a long time over it, the Indian was vexed, and now trumped up this accusation of his having kept the badge in his pocket.

Major Willson observed that, as there was only one man's word against another, he would dismiss the summons.

## DRIZZLE OR MIST.

The Royal Observatory reports that pressure remains highest to the North-east of Japan, although a weak anti-cyclone area has developed over North China. A shallow depression is indicated over South Japan and the depression over Tongking has partially filled up.

The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—East winds, moderate; cloudy with drizzle or mist.

The rainfall registered for the 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day was 0.20-inch. This makes the year's total 8.63 inches, against an average of 14.31 inches.



"You know, I honestly don't see how mother did it with four children."

HAT DESIGNED BY A  
KING.

## A CRIME NOT TO WEAR ONE.

Hats are playing a leading role in the unification of Persia, according to Sir E. Denison Ross, Professor of Persian and Director of the School of Oriental Studies at London University, who has just arrived back in London after a tour of the East.

To-day every Persian, from the King and the Prime Minister to the schoolboy, the soldier, and the peasant, must by law wear the same form of hat, known after the King's name, as the Pahlavi hat. Any person found wearing any but the prescribed hat is arrested and fined.

The King, anxious to preserve the national traits of his nation, some time ago designed a head-dress which by Royal decree every one of his subjects is obliged to wear. The hat resembles an overturned saucer, made of cloth, with, instead of a handle, a shade over the eyes.

"In Turkey the fez has been discarded and the hard-felt hat has taken its place in an effort to copy the Westerner. But in Persia the King has attempted to safeguard his nation by doing the opposite—that is to say, by establishing a national trait says Sir Denison Ross.

## Happy Schoolboys.

"The most ragged schoolboy wears the hat," he continued. "I personally had an opportunity of congratulating his Majesty and telling him how happy the schoolboys seemed to be with their new possession."

Sir Denison visited the Chamber in Teheran, where the deputies wore their hats at work. Nowadays, only certain religious teachers can wear the turban, and they must pass a strict examination before being allowed to do so.

"There is now some doubt on a question of etiquette," Sir Denison continued. "Should a man enter a room with his hat on his head or should he take it off? This point is not yet solved. Most Persians have been obliged to discard their flowing coats and wear lounge suits."

Irak has also its national head dress—the forage cap, which is also worn in any colour. This is a fashion set by King Feisal, who himself always wears such a hat. Meanwhile Egypt remains faithful to the fez.

ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF  
M. VALDEMARAS.REPORT OF DEATH OF SON  
INCORRECT.

Kovno, May 9.  
It is learned to-day that the report of the death of M. Valdemaras' adopted son, as the result of wounds received in the attempt on the life of the Lithuanian Prime Minister, is incorrect.

The operation performed on the boy was successful, and he is recovering.

Several arrests have been effected in connexion with the attempted assassination of M. Valdemaras.—Reuter.

FROM BRITAIN TO  
CHINA.CHINESE AIRMAN MAKES  
GOOD PROGRESS.

## MAY COME HERE.

Information has been received by the Far Eastern Aviation Company, of which Mr. R. Vaughan Fowler is the local Manager, that Capt. Wen Lin-chen, the Chinese aviator, flying an Avro Avian light aeroplane from London to China, arrived at Vinh on Wednesday morning and the same day left for Hanoi, a distance of 160 miles, reaching there later in the day.

Capt. Wen intended to fly to Canton via Taiping, but in view of recent developments it is probable that he will go on to Peking. It is understood that an effort is being made to get him to fly to Hongkong from Peking. His final destination is Amoy, his home town.

Capt. Wen Lin-chen started on his flight from Dover early in March. He is accompanied by Lt. Johansen, a Danish aviator. He has made calls at quite a number of cities in Europe and Asia. He is not attempting to create any new records. Flying from England, he went direct to Berlin, after which he visited a number of European countries, and thereafter Turkey, Iraq, India, Siam and French Indo-China.

It is interesting to note that the flight has been undertaken on a British machine, an Avro Avian, fitted with a Cirrus engine, for which the Far East Aviation Company are sole agents for the whole of China, including Hongkong. Capt. Wen's noteworthy performance is a tribute to the machine and to the pilot. The Avro Avian is renowned throughout the world for its safety, ease of maintenance, comfort, finish and equipment. The fuselage is of metal and it is claimed that climatic conditions have no effect whatever upon it. Not only has it the outstanding advantages over a wooden fuselage of a much longer life and ease of maintenance, but in the event of a bad crash the metal structure possesses shock-absorbing qualities, merely crumpling under impact instead of splintering as does a ply-wood fuselage. It has a strong undercarriage.

The great point about the Cirrus engine is its reliability. Capt. Broad won the King's Cup in a Cirrus-engined Moth. In 1927 Lady Bailey captured the world's two-seater light aeroplane record in a Cirrus-engined aeroplane and Mr. Bert Hinkler made the longest light aeroplane non-stop flight on a Cirrus-engined machine. In climb and endurance the engine has given convincing proof of its capabilities.

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JUNK WITH COAL  
OVERDUE.FAILS TO ARRIVE AT  
CASTLE PEAK.

There is some anxiety regarding the whereabouts of a Chinese junk, No. T5705H, which is reported as missing with a cargo of coal aboard.

Yesterday the police were informed that the boat left Wanchai for Castle Peak with 60 tons of coal on board, valued at \$562.50, and although the vessel left Wanchai at 2 p.m. on the 7th instant, she has not yet arrived at Castle Peak.

The consignee of the coal, Mr. Tsai Yui-po, states that the master of the junk is an old and experienced mariner and he does not know what could have prevented the boat from reaching her destination.

## EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, May 9.
Paris	124.15
Geneva	25.18 1/2
Berlin	20.40 1/2
Oslo	18.10 1/2
Helsingfors	103
Athens	375
Buenos Aires	47.5/16
Hongkong	1/11 1/2
New York	4.85 5/32
Amsterdam	12.00 1/2
Stockholm	13.10 1/2
Vienna	34.54 1/2
Madrid	38.99 1/2
Bucharest	818
Bombay	1/52 3/32
Yokohama	1/10 1/16
Brussels	34.94 1/2
Milan	62.05
Copenhagen	18.20 1/2
Prague	104
Lisbon	108 1/2
Rio	6.57/64
Shanghai	2.5/5 1/2
Silver (spot and forward)	25.5/16

—British Wireless.

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## DETECTIVE THRILLER!

## THE BLACK PIGEON.

By Anne Austin.

## CHAPTER XXIX

"Poor dearie!" Minnie Cassidy, the cleaning woman murmured commiseratingly, as she and Ruth started together down the hall toward the Borden offices. "They do say the fool cops are saying your man did it, but as me and Letty was tellin' each other not five minutes ago, Mr. Hayward is not the boy as would hurt a fly—so kind-hearted and open-handed he is. Just you pray the Blessed Mother, miss, and—oh, Lord! What's that?"

"Flashlights," Ruth informed her, behind hands which she had hung up to cover her face.

"No picture in the papers?" Minnie cried, as delighted as a child. "And me with this old calico mother-hubard on!"

"Let's run!" Ruth begged, dragging at Minnie's gnarled old hand. Patrolman Biggers, still on guard outside the Borden offices, grinned sympathetically as he swung open the door for them.

"Mr. McMann is in Mr. Borden's private office, Minnie. I'll take you in—oh!" she broke off, with a startled exclamation, then, ran to her own desk, where Benny Smith was sitting, his head bowed on his outflung arms, terrible sobs shaking his thin body. "What's the matter, Benny? Benny, dear, what is the matter?" she implored, stroking his sandy hair.

"The big stiff! The big old bully!" Benny sobbed, "He's got his nose through his face, I will."

The door to the private office opened, and McMann's curt voice interrupted any confidence that Benny might have been about to make.

"Come in, Miss Lester! Is this Minnie Cassidy?"

"Missus Minnie Cassidy?" the cleaning woman corrected the detective with surprising spirit. "And ye're Tommy McMann. Me husband—God rest his soul!—was a rook along with ye, Tommy McMann. Many's the poker game he's won your good money off of ye and brought it home to Minnie Cassidy."

McMann chuckled and thrust out a big hand which Minnie Cassidy seized and shook warmly. "So you're Tim Cassidy's widow, Minnie! Poor Tim! As grand a big foot as ever walked a boot! Come in, Minnie. Miss Lester will stand by and see that I don't use any third-degree methods on you."

"As if ye could!" Minnie wagged her head at him derisively. "I'm on ye, cop, I am! Hot air and bluff, the lot of ye—Now what did ye want to know, Tommy McMann?"

"I'm sure of it, Minnie!" McMann answered heartily, with a humorous lift of his bushy eyebrows toward Ruth, who had slipped into a chair beside the one he had drawn up for Minnie Cassidy. "You cleaned these offices on Saturday, Minnie?"

"That I did! And not a slipshod job like most of the girls get by with on a Saturday," Minnie answered emphatically. "Emptyed the wastebaskets, wiped off the desks and window sills and chairs with me oiled rag—"

"That's fine, Minnie!" McMann grinned. "You left us a fine surface for fingerprints. But to go back a little. Was Mr. Borden in this office when you came to clean, and at what time did you come in here?"

"That he was, and looking like he'd live to be a hundred!" Minnie answered. "It was near the death of me, and yes, of Letty, too, when Mr. Coghlan, the superintendent of the building, told us the poor gentleman had been murdered."

"What time was it when you cleaned these offices, if you remember, Minnie?" McMann was plainly trying to be patient with his former colleague's widow.

"Half-past one it was when I finished in 713, Mr. Green's offices across the hall. They've got a big fancy clock in the front office, and I noticed the time by it. Then I come straight over here, and let myself in with my pass key—"

"The door was locked?"

"That it was, and I thought Mr. Borden was gone. I knew Miss Ruth had left, for me and Letty seen her and her young man—and a nicer man ain't in the land of the living than Mr. Hayward, Tommy McMann—seen them at the elevator, we did."

"When?"

"Just before I went in to Mr. Green's offices—musta been 15 or 20 minutes past one," Minnie answered readily. "So I thought nobody wasn't in here and I come in. There wasn't no light on in Mr. Borden's private office—not that he needs it, what with two windows on the street and one on the airshaft. Anyways, there wasn't no light, so I opened the door without knockin' and then I seen Mr. Borden a-settin' at his desk, and I started to back out,

saying, 'Excuse me, sir, I didn't know ye was still here,' and he said, 'Come on in. I'm going to be here till two. You won't bother me.'"

"Pleased, was he?" McMann demanded. "Didn't look worried or angry?"

"He spoke sort of short, but Lordy, I'm used to that," Minnie confessed resignedly. "I went on about me work, and was carryin' out his wastebasket when Benny, his office boy, come in."

"Tell me exactly what passed between Benny and his boss," McMann directed.

"Now, Tommy McMann, ye're not going to make me help ye see that poor kid to death!" Minnie assured the detective spiritedly. "I didn't pay no attention to what passed between 'em—none of my business. I took out Mr. Borden's wastebasket, emptied it into Miss Ruth's wastebasket, and then dumped the papers into the big sack I'd drag up to the door from Mr. Green's office. When the sack's full, the porter takes it down to the basement—"

"All right, Minnie," McMann interrupted. "Benny says you overheard Borden telling him to 'get 'ell out of here.' Is that right?"

"I didn't pay no attention, I tell ye!" Minnie repeated stubbornly. "The boy left while I was here—that's all I'll swear to, Tommy McMann."

"O.K., Minnie," McMann chuckled. "I don't blame you for being sorry for the kid—after hearing Borden bawl him out and fire him."

"Did he fire the boy now?" Minnie asked, with bland innocence, so that the trap, if such it was, which McMann had had for her, failed to spring.

McMann did not answer, but opened up a new line with his next question. "You say you wiped off the window sills, Minnie? And closed the windows, I suppose, as your duty requires you to do?"

"Sure I wiped off the window sills, inside and out, and the window frames, too. I ain't a slacker, even if I'm gettin' old and rheumatic. But I didn't shut the windows. The two front ones, looking out on the street, were already closed, or the draft would have blown the poor man away. That with the window open on the airshaft, like it was, I did pull it down to wipe it clean, but Mr. Borden told me to push it up again. He said he'd shut it when he left me two."

The last vestige of hope Ruth had unreasonably nourished that the window had not been closed until after Borden had been killed died then. Of course she had known all along that it was foolish to entertain that hope, in view of the incontrovertible evidence of the pigeon's footprints in blood, both inside and outside the airshaft window. But weak though it was, it had been hope, and the girl started with unconcealed misery at the garrulous old woman who had slain it.

"You pushed up the window after you had wiped it clean, I suppose?" McMann asked, and Ruth knew he had in mind the fact that Ferber, the fingerprint expert, had found no prints at all upon the window frame.

"Of course I did!" Minnie retorted.

"Do you wear rubber gloves while cleaning?" McMann suggested.

"That he did," Minnie answered, unperturbed. "Stepped down the hall to the lavatory. He asked me to stay till he got back, as he didn't have a key and didn't want the door left unlocked. He'd scarcely closed the door behind him before the telephone rang, and I answered it, so's I could tell the party he'd be right back. Which I did, and the lady said she'd hold the line—"

"So, it was a woman calling, was it?" McMann interrupted sharply. "Did you ask her name?"

"No, that he didn't! He done the same as you've done—asked me what kind of voice the lady had, and I told him same as I've told ye, and he said, sharp and real mad-like, 'Hang up the receiver!' and I was gonno do like he told me, though it went against the grain I can tell you, when he said, 'Wait a minute! Tell her to call me again in 15 or 20 minutes. I can't talk to her now. I'm expecting my wife any minute,' he says, 'but don't tell her that,' he says real quick."

"And what?" McMann leaned forward, betraying almost as much suspense as Ruth—"exactly what did the lady answer?"

Minnie Cassidy folded her hands on her prominent stomach, regarding the man whom she dared call "Tommy" McMann with shrewdly humorous old eyes, enjoying the sensation she knew was about to make.

"(To Be Continued.)"

## AMERICAN STOCKS:

## CABLED QUOTATIONS FROM NEW YORK.

The following quotations as at the close of the market on Thursday have been received from their correspondents, Messrs. Hayden Stone and Co. of New York by Messrs. Swan, Calbertson and Fritz, Searson House, Shanghai, (cable address "Swanstock," Shanghai), who are not responsible for cable mutilations. These quotations are subject to confirmation.

	Previous	Latest
Anacosta Copper	139	138
Bethlehem Steel	109	108
Chrysler Corp. (Common)	90	90
General Motors (Common)	84	85
Goodrich B.F. (Common)	84	82
Granby Consolidated	83	83
International Cement (Common)	82	92
Liggett and Myers "B"	90	90
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## THEFT CHARGES.

## BOY AND GIRL APPEAR IN COURT.

Charged with stealing rattan fibres from a shop at West Point, a 14-year-old girl was this morning treated as a first offender and discharged, the prosecuting police officer stating that she had already been lodged in a cell for one night.

Mr. E. W. Hamilton had also before him a case in which a small boy was charged with stealing cigarettes from an old woman who kept a stall at West Point. It was stated that the theft was carried out by a gang of mischievous boys who swooped down on the stall yesterday during the time that the business was left in the charge of a young girl. Upon the return of the woman, who was greatly advanced in years, and was, moreover, decrepit, one of the culprits was seized and handed over to the police.

The old woman was unable to say that the boy in Court was the one whom she saw take away the cigarettes, and the case was remanded for further investigations.

"Now, Tommy McMann, I'm surprised at ye!" Minnie reproved him severely. "As if it was any of my business! I just said it was Mr. Borden's office, and 'No, ma'am, he ain't in right now, but he's just stepped down the hall and will be back in a minute,' and she said, 'Then I'll hold the wire, thank you, as sweet and ladylike as you please—'"

"Wait!" Ruth cried, leaning toward Minnie excitedly. "What kind of voice did she have, Minnie? Oh, please try to remember! Was it—?"

"Just a minute, Miss Lester!" the detective reproved her sternly. "No leading the witness, if you please. Describe the woman's voice, if you can, Minnie. Anything at all unusual about it?"

Minnie Cassidy reached out and patted Ruth's hand, as if to console her for McMann's sharpness. "As sweet a voice as ever I heard, Tommy McMann! Put me in mind of a singer I heard one time on my daughter's radio—an alto singer, she was—"

"The woman with the contralto voice!" Ruth cried triumphantly. "Alto or contralto, it was a pretty voice, and fair did me good to hear it," Minnie asserted cheerfully.

"And did Borden talk with her when he returned?" McMann demanded.

"No, that he didn't! He done the same as you've done—asked me what kind of voice the lady had, and I told him same as I've told ye, and he said, sharp and real mad-like, 'Hang up the receiver!' and I was gonno do like he told me, though it went against the grain I can tell you, when he said, 'Wait a minute! Tell her to call me again in 15 or 20 minutes. I can't talk to her now. I'm expecting my wife any minute,' he says, 'but don't tell her that,' he says real quick."

"And what?" McMann leaned forward, betraying almost as much suspense as Ruth—"exactly what did the lady answer?"

Minnie Cassidy folded her hands on her prominent stomach, regarding the man whom she dared call "Tommy" McMann with shrewdly humorous old eyes, enjoying the sensation she knew was about to make.

"(To Be Continued.)"

## NO TRICK THEORIES.

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ed by modern methods and he still held that opinion.

His Lordship asked whether witness's view was that by the exact science he could detect any forgery. Witness replied that he did not wish to go as far as that.

An Incorrect Answer.

Mr. Potter:—It cannot be an exact science from what you have just told us, so that the first answer was not quite correct was it?—Yes.

Mr. Potter put to witness the evidence he had given on the matter in the trial of Carvalho Yeo and suggested it was wrong as compared with his present attitude, either accidentally or mistakenly. "Don't think for a moment I am going to say you were telling an untruth" but it was wrong—that statement was made.

You appreciate that a statement of that kind coming from a man in your position might have had great weight with the jury trying a man on a very serious criminal charge. They might easily have acquitted the man. I want to bring home to your mind the seriousness of a statement from a person in your position claiming the qualifications of an expert.

Mr. Potter then asked:—I put it to you, if it is not correct to say that you can detect forgery in the sense that it is an exact science, it would be utterly impossible to suggest one could attribute a particular handwriting to a particular person. It is much more difficult to do that?—Utterly, impossible? I do believe it is possible.

Another Expert's View.

Mr. Potter then referred to an authority, being a case in which a handwriting expert was called, pointing out that the Privy Council took the facts first and worked downwards, merely taking in the views of the expert as a link in the chain. Continuing that he wished to get it clear that a man could attribute writing in that way, Mr. Potter quoted part of the expert's evidence in that case which was:

"It is not possible to say definitely that anybody wrote a particular document. All you can do is to point out similarities and draw conclusions from them."

I understand you don't agree with that. I put it to you that, in fact, no expert of standing, in our English Courts at any rate, will say he can definitely attribute a certain piece of writing to a certain person because that is exactly what you are telling us in this case with regard to Tsang On-wing, Mr. Messer and Mr. Black?—I have put forward my evidence and I have an opinion on these things.

Yes, but do you claim that you are able definitely to attribute a particular writing to a particular person?—I hold that opinion, but I admit the possibility of being wrong.

Different Views Possible.

Supposing we had the good fortune to have a fellow expert on the other side of this case and he said that for certain reasons he thought it was someone else's writing, you would not say he was wrong or something like that?—No.

Any expert could honestly and fairly take a different view?—Yes.

Mr. Potter went on to remind witness that he gave evidence at the trial of Carvalho Yeo. The case lasted for 12 or 13 days, was tried by a special jury and witness was the only man called for the defence, Professor Shellhears had then told them that his one and only client was the Hongkong Bank, which was to say that Yeo, in the box, was not witness's client?

When witness asked to see the notes on that point, Mr. Potter remarked he did not care who witness's client was but he wanted it established that in the Yeo case, witness had put before the jury points which he was putting before the present jury. Witness agreed.

And you told me in that case you had all the material you desired?—Yes.

Mr. Potter then went on to remind witness that there were only three points before the jury in the criminal trial, whether the bodies of the cheques were in the handwriting of Tsang On-wing; whether the signature of Mr. Messer was forged or genuine and whether the signature of Mr. Black was forged or genuine.

Witness agreed that those were the only points before the jury.

The Yeo Case.

You know that the jury in the criminal trial found the man guilty of uttering forged cheques?—Yes. Then one thing is clear. The jury could not have accepted your evidence and have found as they did?—I don't follow that.

You said the cheques were genuine. They said they were forged. That was the simple issue was it not? This is just to show you the danger of evidence like yours against that of people who say "We did not make these writings." I suggest that that jury could not have agreed with you and found the verdict they did?—I take it that was the case.

You, who had been retained by the Bank, were permitted to give evidence for the purpose of trying the issue in the Yeo trial?—Yes.

The Government gave permission to Mr. Jenkin to go to the Bank and extract from the Bank any cheques he thought fit to extract

for examination for the purposes of deciding this issue?—I believe that was the case.

You know it to be the case don't you?—Yes.

Greater facilities no Government could have given for the defence of a criminal?—That is true. Went Out of His Way.

The Government also gave Mr. Jenkin permission for him to go to the Treasury and inspect every voucher for 1927?—Yes.

The Government went out of its way to facilitate in the criminal case the trial of the issue "Yeo or not Yeo" as the cheques forged?—Yes.

In answer to further questions witness said he recollected the protest made at the Criminal Sessions when it was learned that Mr. Black's specimen signature had been passed on to witness by the bank for the purposes of photography and examination. He recalled that the protest was upheld and the document returned.

Mr. Potter: You know it is a confidential document. You know it is not the kind of thing you would like to have handed to other people for the purposes of defending a criminal. How did you get it? Where was it given to you?—I got it from the bank.

Where did you get it?—I wanted to see it. I asked if I might see it. Who gave it to you?—I think it was Mr. Proctor.

Where was it?—In the Bank. I am certain it was in the Bank. Did you ask for it?—I think I did. I wanted to see what it looked like and to compare it.

When was that?—I can't put it nearer than perhaps two months before the trial. I can't say the exact date.

At any rate it was for the purposes of the Yeo case?—Yes.

Confidential Document.

Do you think you were justified in getting it without the consent of the Government?—I had some consultation.

With whom?—I am not certain but I think with Counsel.

It was a highly confidential document to hand out to a stranger for the purpose of photography?—I suppose it was.

In addition to any cheque and all the vouchers there was in the possession of the defence a photograph of Mr. Black's specimen signature?—Yes.

You can't very well wish for more than that?—No.

You have been able to take any cheque you thought fit out of 18,000. No limit was placed upon your inquiries?—No.

Could they do any more to assist you in arriving at a conclusion?—No. I had everything I wanted.

Mr. Potter went on to cross-examine witness about the methods of forgery and said that in the criminal trial he had mentioned three methods, tracing, copying over a glass in a desk and writing freehand.

Mr. Potter: I put it to you that you can have a combination of the latter two—a man making himself familiar with the writing by putting it over the glass and then developing it freehand?—I don't believe that is possible.

But that is a means of producing a forgery?—Yes.

Will you agree with me that a skilled forger may deceive the alleged writer?—It may be so.

Newspaper File Produced.

Did you see an account in one of the local newspapers of a London swindle when it was stated to the Daily Express that the forgery was so amazingly clever and perfect that it would be against public policy to disclose details of it?—No.

Would you believe that was possible?—I should like some details.

At a later stage the file of the South China Morning Post was produced in court and Mr. Potter read from the issue of July 21, 1923, an account of the London swindle where the above remark was quoted.

In reply to other questions witness said he did not think a forger could deceive an expert. Pressed on the point he said he was sure. Mr. Potter said he would put it to witness that he could be deceived by a forger and that anyone could be deceived and said that the Hongkong Bank had accepted eleven forged notes.

You, Professor Shellhears, as an expert might be deceived by a forgery?—I am of the opinion that if the material is sufficient one ought to detect it. There are so many factors in it.

There are no factors in it except, according to your evidence, the easy flow and pen pressure. I must press you on this point. There are only two factors. That is your position mark you. Could you detect any forgery?—I think I can.

Therefore it has been reduced to an exact science?—I am trying to be perfectly straight. I don't want to hurry an answer. It is a difficult question to answer. My belief is that I can detect a forgery.

You only require sufficient genuine and sufficient forged writing?—Yes.

Then you can detect without fear of error a forgery?—Not without fear of error.

Granted sufficient data do you believe that there is a single forgery which would escape your detection?—I would not like to answer that question positively.

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The wedding took place at the Wesleyan Chapel, Kingsway Hall, Kingsway, London, on Wednesday, April 10, of Mr. Daniel Oswald Oliver de Silva, insurance underwriter, of 42, St. Petersburg Place, London, late of Borden View, London-road, Milton Regis, and Mrs. Rose Evelyn de Silva, of 18, Pervin-road, Cosham, Hants, his brother's widow. Mr. de Silva, who was formerly local representative of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, is now on the staff of the head office of the company in London, the staff of which had two hours off to attend the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. Ira Goldhawk. The bride, who was given away by Mr. Cyril Fernando, a prominent Ceylon merchant, was attended by two bridesmaids and a matron of honour, and Mr. Graydon Joachim (nephew of the bridegroom) acted as "best man." The bridesmaids were Miss Vera Griffin (niece of the bride), and Miss Pearl Forster (late of Hongkong), the matron of honour being Mrs. Ernest Atkinson, of Chelsea.

After the ceremony a tea-dance reception took place at the Trinity Restaurant, the Strand, at which there were between forty and fifty guests, including friends from different parts of the country and abroad.

Later on the newly-married couple left by car for Hove and Portsmouth for the honeymoon, after which they will take up their residence at Hampstead, London.

## COMPANY RESULT.

### CANTON INSURANCE FINAL DIVIDEND.

We are officially informed that the General Agents and Consulting Committee of the Canton Insurance Office Ltd., will, at the forthcoming meeting of shareholders to be held on Thursday, 23rd May, recommend a final dividend of \$22 per share in respect of Working Account for 1927 and add the balance of \$686,368.10 to Underwriting Suspense Account.

They will further recommend the payment of an interim dividend of \$18 per share in respect of Working Account for 1928, and that the balance of \$1,657,848.86 be carried forward.

## COLLIER WRECKED.

### STRUCK CORAL REEF NEAR TRUK ISLAND.

Tokyo, May 9.

The Navy-chartered collier Tamon Maru No. 6 struck a coral reef near Truk Island in the Caroline group on the afternoon of May 7 and is believed to be a total loss.

A telegram to the Navy department says that strong tides and many reefs at the scene of the wreck will make rescue of the crew most difficult. Their fate is not yet known. At least fifty are aboard.—Reuter.

## THE VOLUNTEERS.

### ORDERS FOR THE COMING WEEK.

No. 19/29, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Orders by Lieut.-Colonel L. G. Bird, D.S.O., O.B.E., Commandant.

1. King's Birthday Parade. All ranks of The Corps are reminded of the King's Birthday Parade which will take place on the Cricket Ground during the forenoon of 3rd June, 1929. His Excellency, The G.O.C. has expressed his special wish for a full turn out of The Corps and The Commandant asks to keep the date free.

2. Sergeants' Mess Meeting. There will be a meeting of The Sergeants' Mess at 6 p.m. on Thursday, 13th May, 1929.

It is particularly requested that all members will attend as there are several important items on the agenda for discussion.

3. Command Order No. 6/4 dated 3. 5. 29, is repeated for information.

—His Majesty the King's message to the Nation.

4. Corps Band.

The Band will parade on Tuesday, 14th May at 5.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters for Band Practice in music—a full attendance is necessary.

5. Mounted Infantry Company.

Thursday, 16th May. All ranks will parade at Race Course at 5.30 p.m. for Mounted Drill. Dress: Muff.

6. Armoured Car Company.

Car Section. Monday, 13th May, 1929. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for passing of Machine Gun Standard Tests. Cards can be drawn at Corps Headquarters by those not in possession.

Motor Cycle Section. Monday, 13th May, 1929. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Muff.

7. Machine Gun Company.

There will be no further Company Parades until further notice.

8. Scottish Company.

Weekly parades will be discontinued until further notice. All ranks are reminded that rifles and bayonets must be kept at Corps Headquarters or in the Armoury at Police Headquarters. No arms are to be kept by individuals at their homes.

Pipe Band. Weekly practices will take place at Corps Headquarters each Wednesday at 5.30 p.m. Pipe-Major Macle will make arrangements to advise the members of the Band of any change in this order.

9. Portuguese Company.

N.C.O.'s Class. All N.C.O.'s are expected to be held at Corps Headquarters during the Summer Months on the first and third Fridays in each month.

The next Class will be held at Corps Headquarters on Friday, 17th May at 5.30 p.m. for Lewis Gun instruction and training.

10. Strength.

The following recruit has been taken on the strength and posted as under:

No. 1476 Dandaman R.A. Cretejo, Corps Band, as from 3. 5. 29.

11. Transfers.

2/Lieut. A. C. Groves to the Reserve of Officers, as from 31. 3. 29.

No. 1062 Pte. H. Birkett from M. 1. Coy. to the Reserve Company, as from 10. 5. 29.

12. Revelations.

The following are permitted to revert to the ranks at their own request, as from 10. 5. 29.

No. 1179 L/Cpl. L. Gardner, No. 9 Platoon.

No. 1129 L/Cpl. E. A. Noronha, No. 11 Platoon.

13. Leave.

Lieut. C. Ponke Anderson, M. C. Battery from 15. 5. 29, to 15. 12. 29.

No. 767 Sergt. E. D. Labrousse, Car Section, from 1. 6. 29, to 31. 12. 29.

No. 545 Spr. W. L. Walker, Engineer Company, from 23. 11. 28, to 22. 12. 29.

14. Marksmen.

The undermentioned have qualified as marksmen for Training Season.

## THE JAPAN VISIT.

### END OF DUKE OF GLOUCESTER'S OFFICIAL PROGRAMME.

Tokyo, May 9.

To-day ends the Duke of Gloucester's stay in Japan as an official guest of the nation, and to-morrow he will leave for a fortnight's tour up-country where he will travel incognito.

This morning he paid a farewell visit to the Emperor and Empress to thank them for their hospitality, and lunched at the Imperial Palace.

The Emperor returned the visit this afternoon, and bade the Duke a cordial farewell, and requested His Royal Highness to convey to the King his deep appreciation for the bestowal of the Garter.

The Duke of Gloucester's visit to Japan has made an excellent impression on the Japanese, all ranks vying with each other to do him honour.—Reuter.

## PLANE MISSING.

### STORM INTERRUPTS A JAPANESE FLIGHT.

Tokyo, May 9.

A naval plane is missing, and two others were forced to make emergency landings, owing to stormy weather while carrying out a long-distance flight between Omura, near Nagasaki, and Nawa, in the Luchus.

Destroyers have been despatched to search for the missing machine, but have had no success thus far.—Reuter.

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15. Struck off the Strength.

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No. 1044 Pte. E. T. S. Zimmern, Car Section, as from 31.10.28.

No. 1039 Pte. S. M. Garrard, Machine Gun Coy., as from 24.2.29.

No. 1105 Pte. H. E. Orr, Machine Gun Coy., as from 31.12.28.

No. 1311 Pte. W. P. Leckie, No. 7 Platoon, as from 25.4.29.

No. 1236 Bandman J. A. Souza, Corps Band, as from 15.2.29.

R. A. Wolfe Murray, Major, ADJUTANT, H. K. V. D. Corps.

Notices.

1. Smoking Concert and Dinner—Friday, 10th May.

The Annual Corps Smoking Concert and distribution of Corps Trophies and Musket prizes will take place at Volunteer Headquarters tonight, Friday, 10th.

Major-General J. W. Sandilands, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., has kindly consented to present the prizes.

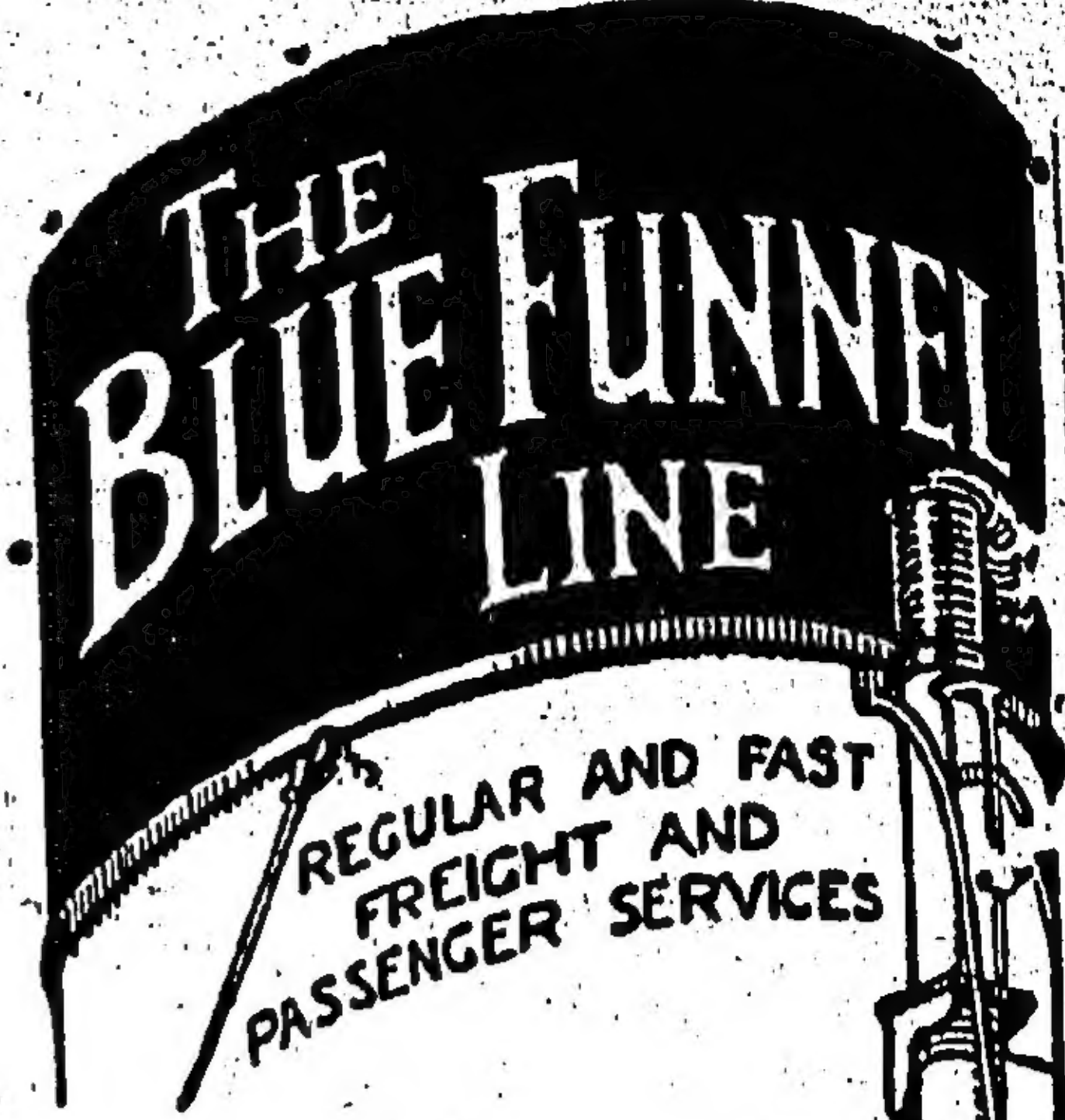
Tickets for the dinner will only cost \$1.00, to include drinks.

Tickets can be obtained at The Officers' Mess, The Sergeants' Mess, The Canton. The boys of these institutions have instructions to accept cash only. O. C. Units will arrange for tickets for unit guests.

Time 8 p.m.

Dress: Uniform optional but all prize winners are requested to attend in uniform. Porage cap, khaki jacket, medal ribbons, belt and slacks. Scottish as ordered.

2. The Machine Gun Company Rifle Club will hold their next meeting at the Peak Range on Sunday, 19th May, 1929 at 9.30 a.m. to compete for the Company Commander's Cup.



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### THE SUN'S ECLIPSE.

WATCHERS AT ALOR STAR  
NOT DISAPPOINTED.

Singapore, May 9.  
A message from Alor Star from the Free Press special correspondent says the morning broke dull and sultry, but by nine o'clock the sun broke through the clouds.

An hour before the eclipse, conditions were again disappointing, but immediately before it, the sun broke through, and almost perfect results were obtained, except for a slight haze. The corona was beautifully shown.

Singapore conditions resembled early evening.

At Alor Star at the time of the eclipse the conditions resembled the brightest moonlight, the earth appearing surrounded by a pale blue light. The buzz of conversation among 500 spectators diminished suddenly as the light disappeared and the corona flashed out round the dark body of the moon. A cheer broke out from the assembled throng as beautiful streamers shot out from the sun, while a few stars twinkled in the sky.

The astronomers were most satisfied with the results, after weeks of preparations and anxious latter days and hours.—Our Own Correspondent.

#### Little Useful Result?

Alor Star, May 9.  
Although the Greenwich Observatory's eclipse observation party here was apparently slightly more successful than the Patani party, little useful result is expected owing to very cloudy conditions.—Reuter.

#### Singapore's Experience.

Singapore, May 9.  
There was a sultry atmosphere when the eclipse of the sun commenced, at 12.05 p.m., followed by a refreshing coolness as the phenomenon reached its maximum at 1.40 p.m.—Reuter.

#### Patani Observers Disappointed.

Patani, May 9.  
The eclipse observation party on the Siamese side of the "shadow line" were disappointed, the sun being veiled by clouds during the period of the eclipse.—Reuter.

#### Perfect Results at Iloilo.

Iloilo, May 9.  
The eclipse observations here were highly successful. The weather conditions were excellent, with only very faint cirrus clouds near the sun.

The United States Naval Observatory, the English expedition, and Manila Observatory executed their scheduled programmes.

The Englishman Waterfield and Lloyd obtained seventeen valuable photographs, the United States naval party obtained thirteen variable exposure plates with a sixty-five foot camera and forty-six others, with two polar axis and a celostat.

Two aeroplanes obtained photographs and observations from five thousand and ten thousand feet. The Manila Observatory made several actinometric measurements.

There was a beautiful corona of maximum sunspot type. Planets and stars were visible. There was general and keen interest.—Reuter.

#### Beverly Hills, May 9.

The film star, Constance Talmadge has been married for the third time, this time to a Chicago merchant named Townsend Netcher.—Reuter's American Service.

### CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

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Hongkong, 8th May, 1929.

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Hongkong, 7th May, 1929.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 27th May, or they will not be recognized.

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DELTA	8,097	8th June.	Marseilles, L'don & Hull
JEYPORE	5,318	15th June.	Marseilles, London, A'werp, Rotterdam & Hamburg
RAJPUTANA	16,568	22nd June.	Bombay, M'los & L'don
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### DIVORCE SUIT COSTS.

#### RECEIVING ORDER SET ASIDE ON APPEAL.

London, Apr. 13.

The Court of Appeal, consisting of the Master of the Rolls and Lords Justices Lawrence and Sankey, yesterday allowed the appeal of a debtor who had been correspondent in a divorce suit, from a receiving order in bankruptcy made against him by Mr. Registrar Francke in February.

The appellant by the order of the Divorce Court on July 11 last was ordered to pay the amount of the petitioner's costs of the proceedings into Court, but in October that order was varied, and the debtor was ordered within seven days to pay to the solicitors of the petitioner the sum of £57 1s. 9d., the amount of the petitioner's taxed costs.

The decree in the divorce suit was made absolute in November, and in January a bankruptcy notice was issued in respect of the debt, but it was issued in the name of the petitioner's solicitors. Later a petition was presented and the receiving order in question was afterwards made.

The debtor appealed on the ground that as the debt was not due to the solicitors for the petitioner in the divorce suit, but to the petitioner himself, the receiving order could not stand.

The Master of the Rolls giving judgment said it appeared to him that the petitioner was the person on whose account and for whose indemnity this sum of costs ought to be paid. The solicitors were merely acting in the sense as part of legal machinery. The bankruptcy notice was not well founded; the act of bankruptcy was not complete, and the receiving order ought not to have been made. The appeal therefore would be allowed and the receiving order set aside. Lord Justices Lawrence and Sankey concurred.

### BOMBAY ARMS BAN TROUBLE.

SIKHS CONSIDER RELIGION IS ATTACKED.

#### SYMBOLIC DAGGERS.

Bombay, May 9. The strong measures taken by Sir Frederick Sykes to suppress the Hindu-Muslim Communal rioting may, it is feared lead to trouble in another direction.

Minor disturbances have already occurred, though up to the present the situation is fairly quiet. The trouble is concerned with the recent order prohibiting the carrying of arms of any description.

The Sikh community, the members of which are accustomed to carrying kirpans (a kind of dagger) as a religious symbol, are vigorously opposing this order, which they regard as interference with their religion.

The President of the Sing Sabha in Bombay has telegraphed, it is understood, to the Viceroy (Lord Irwin) protesting against the ban as an attack on the Sikh religion.

Two Sikhs, whom the police forcibly disarmed after a long struggle, remained at the police station to which they were taken and are now refusing to eat, drink or sleep until their kirpans are restored.—Reuter.

### GUNBOATS BOMBED.

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exaggeration, but it is certain that many of them have fled and a great deal of their property has been moved.

#### Admiral Chan Arrested?

Such Government officials as have left are reported to have declared for Kwangai, and in this connection it is said that Admiral Chan Chai, who arrived from Hongkong yesterday afternoon, has been arrested.

Admiral Chan has been in Hongkong on a visit to General Chan Ming-shui, and he is described as one of the last officials to remain faithful to Nanking. The revolt of the Navy is in no way due to him, but is said to have been instigated by his second in command.

When the Kinsai arrived from Hongkong, Admiral Chan was met at the wharf by an armed guard, and he immediately entered an armoured car, driving off in the direction of the Admiralty. Later reports say he is under arrest.

#### Troops Approaching.

Our correspondent says that troops are rapidly advancing on Canton from at least two directions. Heavy firing from the south-west seems to indicate that the main body of the Kwangai troops from West River districts are approaching along the Samshui Railway.

In the meantime, General Hsu King-long's forces are rapidly approaching from the east. They are said to have reached a point between Sheklung and the eastern suburbs of Canton. Fighting was in progress in that area yesterday morning.

In the city itself, there were several serious yesterday morning, and troops have taken up positions along the Bund facing Honan.

#### Much Anxiety.

Canton city itself continues to be peaceful, though much anxiety prevails regarding the developments of the next few days.

Women of the working class will not go out of doors if they can help it, because several batches of coolie women have been impressed by the military to carry heavy loads, and they get next to nothing for their services.

Paper money is useless to-day and many shops have closed rather than face the unpleasant haggling over the price of goods and the value of local currency.

A considerable amount of merchandise has been rushed into Shamshui godowns, and it is said that large quantities of silver coins have been deposited in the foreign banks.

#### General Chan's Hopes.

A British naval wireless message from Canton, dated yesterday, states that General Chan Chai-long hopes to receive help from the Central Government. He is determined to resist the Kwangai invasion.

#### In the South.

According to Chinese reports, news was received in Canton yesterday afternoon to the effect that the military leaders and forces at Linchow and Lutchow have declared for Kwangai.

These two places, in Southern Kwangtung, are under the command of the First Independent Brigade, which has succeeded in disarming all the Canton troops at Kechow, east of Linchow. Thus

### CANADIAN GRAIN CONGESTION.

OVER 80,000,000 BUSHEL OF LAST YEAR'S CROP.

#### FAILURE OF "CORNER."

Ottawa, May 9. The grain congestion in Canada has reached enormous proportions. Roughly a hundred vessels are tied up in the harbours loaded with grain waiting for port orders.

Over twenty million bushels of wheat are now in the terminal elevators at Montreal, Port Colborne, the entrance to the Welland Canal, and the Lake Erie Terminal.

Several millions of bushels more are in the holds of vessels. The prices of wheat at the Winnipeg grain market had fallen eleven cents a bushel in a week.

It is stated that in Canada at the present time there is upwards of 80,000,000 bushels of wheat from last year's crop available for export.

It is stated in London that the congestion is due to the porting ring's attempt to hold up supplies in order to command their own price. Europe, it is said, has declined to purchase at the port's price, and is getting wheat from the Argentine.

Australian growers are also said to be involved in the attempted "corner."—Reuter's American Service.

### SUB-EDITOR SUES COMPANY.

ALLEGATION OF WRONGFUL DISMISSAL.

#### DAMAGES SOUGHT.

A case was mentioned in the Summary Court this morning in which Mr. Harry Cooper sues the Newspaper Enterprise, Ltd., for alleged wrongful dismissal.

Plaintiff claims that by a contract made on or about February 25th, 1928, he was engaged as senior sub-editor at a salary of \$400 per month, which was subsequently raised to \$450, and that he was to be retained in such service until it had been determined by a reasonable notice. The defendants, he alleged, terminated his services on March 31st, 1929, without giving reasonable notice.

Plaintiff claimed \$1,350 as damages, but waived a sum of \$350 to bring the action within summary jurisdiction. Alternatively, he claimed \$1,000 as damages, on a yearly hiring of his services, by reason of wrongful determination of such hiring by notice of expiry otherwise than at the end of the current year.

Mr. Kwok was for plaintiff, and Mr. Arculli for defendants. The case was adjourned until next Friday.

The three big districts are all pro-Kwangai.

With the Kwangai troops launching attacks from Tsing Yun on the North River, from Samshui on the West River and from Sheklung and Sheklun and Tung Kun on the East River, it is believed that the Canton troops under the command of General Chan Chai-long will not be able to hold out very long unless the reinforcements which have arrived from Shanghai prove to be of service.

News, so far unconfirmed, from Canton states that the Sheklun railway bridge has been damaged by the mutinous troops.

The report that 5,000 Nanking troops have arrived at Canton under the command of General Li Ming-shui has been confirmed and it is understood that they will leave to-day for Samshui, where it is believed the Kwangai troops have scored a victory.

#### Fatshan's Attitude.

There was considerable consternation in Canton yesterday morning when the rumours were in circulation that Fatshan, the flourishing city to the south-west of Canton city, had announced its allegiance to Kwangai. It was stated that the troops there mutinied and seized the city.

Later reports, however, contradict these rumours adding that the attitude of the Fatshan military leaders is very obscure.

Reports from the East River state that Canton troops are concentrating at Swatow in readiness to move down to launch attacks on Canton from Sheklung and Sheklun, where the troops are seizing the rolling stock.

General Tang Yin-wah, it is reported, has been ousted from Swatow by troops who have risen in revolt against his command.

#### Steamer Fired On.

When the freight steamer Kwong Ying, on her way from Wuchow to Hongkong, reached Samshui at about 2 a.m. on Thurs-

### BOWLERS BEAT THE BAT AT LORD'S.

MIDDLESEX FIRST TO WIN COUNTY MATCH.

#### 452 RUNS FOR 40 WKTS.

London, May 9. Middlesex to-day achieved the honour of scoring the first outright win in the county championship, defeating Leicestershire at Lord's by the narrow margin of 30 runs.

Two days sufficed for the match, which produced extraordinarily low scoring, with the rather more extraordinary feature of the sides being level on the first innings. The bowlers held the mastery from start to finish, and neither team reached three figures in their first innings.

The powerful Middlesex batting combination could do nothing with Geary, the Test bowler, while when Leicester batted, Robins, the Cambridge Blue, made short work of them.

The scores were:

Middlesex: 72 and 169.

Leicester: 72 and 139.

Geary took 5 wickets for 31 in Middlesex's first innings, but a more steady display in the second enabled them to set Leicester to get 170 runs to win. Astill took 6 for 39 in the second innings.

Leicester collapsed in their first innings, even as Middlesex had done. R. W. V. Robins taking 6 wickets for 29 runs.—Reuter.

### THE NILE WATERS.

BRITAIN AND EGYPT REACH AGREEMENT.

London, May 9. In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Locker Lampson, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said he was glad to be able to state that an agreement satisfactory to all parties had been reached between the British Government and the Egyptian Government regarding the distribution of the Nile waters.

It would be generally recognised that this could not fail to facilitate development and promote prosperity both in Egypt and the Sudan.—British Wireless.

### FRANCE BEATEN AT SOCCER.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH IN PARIS.

Paris, May 9.

In the international soccer match between France and England to-day, England were victorious by four goals to one. The match was played in beautifully fine weather before 40,000 spectators. England were the better team throughout.—Reuter.

day, she was fired at, forcing her to leave the port immediately. She was allowed to enter next morning, but was subjected to a search for arms, the authorities also demanding from the Chinese crew, news of troop movements further up river.

In consequence of the delay at Samshui, the s.s. Kwong Ying (Capt. Sinclair) came into port a few hours late, her time of arrival being 3 a.m. this morning.

#### Anti-Nanking Movement.

According to a report appearing in the Nam Chung Po, a big military and political movement in South and North China, in the form of an alliance between Marshal Feng Yu-shiang, (commanding the Kansu, Shensi and Honan troops), General Tang Sang-chi (commanding some of the Nationalist troops in Peking and Tongshan) and the Kwangai Clique now launching an attack on Kwangtung, is under discussion.

Secret emissaries of Marshal Feng Yu-shiang are said to have arrived in Hongkong and they express the hope that the Kwangai leaders will effect the early capture of Canton.

If this movement materialises, the outcome will be that China will become involved in an extensive civil war between Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and the new combine. It is said in this connexion that Marshal Feng Yu-shiang may strike this time by announcing his hostilities against Nanking as soon as Kwangai captures Canton.

#### Northern War?

An alarming cable from a Chinese source in Shanghai, received this morning by a local Chinese journal, states that the steel bridge at Wu Shing Kwan, on the Peking-Hankow Railway, has been destroyed by an explosion.

The incident has led rumours that Marshal Feng Yu-shiang was responsible for the act and that the destroying of the bridge is his first move towards war with Nanking, hoping thereby to hinder the Nanking troops at Hupeh. Further the Nanking troops are under Marshal Feng's jurisdiction.

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